

# **BLOOD TESTS**

## Patient Instructions

Your doctor has requested the test(s) marked  $[\sqrt{}]$ . In order to produce a meaningful laboratory test result, you must follow these instructions.

[] Lipids (Chol, Trig, HDL) – Do not eat or drink (except water) for 8-10 hours before this test. Blood collection in the morning is recommended.

[] **Glucose fasting-** Do not eat or drink (except water) for 8-10 hours before the test. Blood collection in the morning is recommended.

[] **Glucose 2 hours post meal** – You must have your blood taken exactly 2 hours from the beginning of a meal.

- Eat a substantial meal and note the time of your first mouthful of food. The meal is ideally completed within 20 25 minutes.
- After completing your meal, do not eat or drink anything until after you have had your blood taken. Come to the laboratory 5 – 10 minutes early.

### [] GTT (gestational diabetes confirmation) \*\*

#### [] GTT (non-pregnant) \*\*

- Do not eat or drink (except water) for 8-10 hours before your blood test. You will be required to remain at the lab for the duration of the test

\*\* Unless your doctor has directed otherwise, follow an unrestricted diet *(including 150 grams of carbohydrate per day, see attached chart)* and unrestricted activity for three (3) days before the test.

\*\* Some people may feel faint *after* these tests. Please bring yourself a small snack to eat *after* the test. Suggestions: crackers and cheese, granola bar, fruit, fruit juice, etc.

**NOTE:** Follow your doctor's instructions if they are different from the above.

**Diabetics**: Follow your doctor's instructions regarding your diet.

#### Carbohydrate Food List \*

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| Food                  | Amount  | Carbohydrates (grams) |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Apple                 | 1       | 20                    |
| Banana                | 1       | 26                    |
| Beans, dry, cooked    | 1 c     | 39                    |
| Beef, ground          | 3 oz    | 0                     |
| Bread                 | 1 slice | 13                    |
| Broccoli              | 1 c     | 8                     |
| Butter                | 1 tbsp  | Trace                 |
| Carrot                | 1       | 7                     |
| Cereal                | 1 c     | 19                    |
| Cheese                | 1 oz    | 1                     |
| Cod                   | 3 oz    | 0                     |
| Coffee/Tea            | 1 c     | 0                     |
| Cookie (gingersnap)   | 1       | 5                     |
| Egg                   | 1       | 1                     |
| Fruit Juice           | 1 c     | 29                    |
| Grapefruit            | 1/2     | 13                    |
| Ice cream             | 1/2 c   | 16                    |
| Jam/Jelly             | 1 tbsp  | 14                    |
| Milk                  | 1 c     | 11                    |
| Muffin/Doughnut       | 1       | 18                    |
| Noodles/Pasta, cooked | 1 c     | 37                    |
| Orange                | 1       | 16                    |
| Peanut Butter         | 1 tbsp  | 3                     |
| Peanuts, roasted      | 1 c     | 27                    |
| Pie, fruit            | 1/8 pie | 44                    |
| Potato, baked         | 1       | 33                    |
| Raisins               | 1/2 c   | 56                    |
| Rice, cooked          | 1 c     | 50                    |
| Soup, minestrone      | 1 c     | 14                    |
| Sugar/Syrup           | 1 tbsp  | 12                    |
| Tomato                | 1       | 6                     |
| Waffle, 7 inch        | 1       | 28                    |
| Yogurt, plain         | 4 oz    | 8                     |
| Zucchini, cooked      | 1 c     | 7                     |