

## **Fasting Laboratory Test Information**

## Greeley:

Horizon Laboratory at Summit View Medical Commons

2001 70th Avenue Greeley, CO 80634 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday: 7:00 am-12:00 pm

Windsor:

Horizon Laboratory at Banner Health Clinic -Windsor

1300 Main Street Windsor, CO 80550 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:30am-4:30pm

(Closed 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)

Loveland: Horizon Laboratory at Skyline Center for Health 2555 E. 13th Street, Suite 115

Loveland, CO 80537 PH: (970)820-6890

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday: 7:00 am-12:00 pm

Horizon Laboratory at Banner Health Clinic – SW Loveland

1230 SW 14th Street Loveland, CO 80537 PH: (970)820-6890

Monday-Friday: 7:30am-4:30pm (Closed 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm) Fort Collins:

Horizon Laboratory at Banner Health Center - Fort Collins

702 W. Drake Road, Bldg. A Ft. Collins, CO 80526 PH: (970)820-6890

Monday-Friday: 7:30am-4:30pm (Closed 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)

Horizon Laboratory at Banner Fort Collins Medical Center

4700 Lady Moon Drive Ft. Collins, CO 80528 PH: (970)820-6890

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday: 7:00 am-12:00 pm

Sterling

Horizon Laboratory at Banner Health Clinic - Sterling

102 Hayes Ave Sterling, CO 80751 PH: (970)820-6890

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-4:00 pm

(Closed 12pm - 1pm)

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Some blood test results are changed by eating food and drinking. A patient should fast for hours before having one of these tests drawn. Blood colesterol, triglyceride, vitamin levels, and glucose levels are the most common test that need fasting. Check with your doctor if you are unsure.

## Information for a fasting blood collection:

- You do not need to schedule an appointment.
- You can go to any one of the Horizon Outpatient draw sites.
- A 10-12 hour fast is suggested for colesterol and triglyceride tests. Vitamin levels and glucosa tests only need an 8-hour fast.
- Do note at any food or drink for 8-12 hours (except water) before you go to have your blood taken. If a
  glucosa tolerance test is ordered, plan to stay in the lab 2-3 hours.

Here are answers to some common questions about fasting.

- ✓ Can I drink water?
  - Yes, you may drink wáter.
- ✓ Should I take my medicines?
  - Yes, take any medicines as ordered by your doctor.
- ✓ Can I brush my teeth?
  - Yes, you may brush your teeth.
- ✓ Can I drink any juice?
  - No. Juice drinks Will change your test results.
- ✓ Can I drink black coffee or tea?
  - No. Caffeinated drink will change your test results.
- ✓ Can I chew gum?
  - No. Gum is a food and will change your test results.
- ✓ Can I smoke?
  - No. Smoking can change your test results.
- Can I work out or go to my fitness class?
  - No. Workouts or fitness classes can change your test results.

As your doctor or laboratory staff if you have more questions.