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Clinical Laboratory Alert

We are pleased to announce the addition of the following to our test catalog:



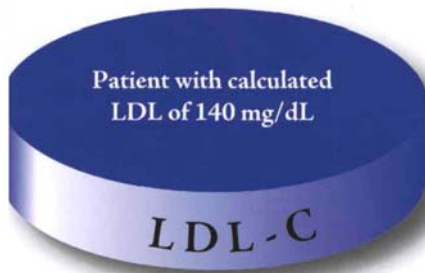
VAP Cholesterol Test - A comprehensive lipoprotein analysis to improve patient diagnosis and treatment. The VAP cholesterol test provides a more comprehensive coronary heart disease (CHD) Risk assessment than the conventional lipoprotein profile. The VAP cholesterol test measures all primary and secondary by the **NCEP ATP III*** guidelines. Direct measurements are provided for total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, VLDL, and cholesterol subclasses.

In a single test profile additional lipoprotein information is provided to assist physicians to develop patient-specific treatment initiatives. Lipoprotein response to treatment can vary; the additional information provided by the VAP cholesterol test, when medically indicated, can be helpful in selecting the most appropriate therapy, including choice of drugs and the intensity of risk-reduction therapy.

*The VAP cholesterol test includes all serum lipids that define the targets of therapy recommended by ATP III:

- LDL cholesterol-Primary Target
- HDL cholesterol
- Total VLDL cholesterol
- Triglycerides
- Lipoprotein (a) cholesterol
- Remnant lipoproteins
- Intermediate-density lipoprotein (IDL) cholesterol
- VLDL3 (small dense) cholesterol
- VLDL 1+2 (large buoyant) cholesterol
- LDL particle density pattern (small dense vs large buoyant)
- HDL Subfractions: HDL2 (large buoyant, more protective) and HDL3 (small dense, less protective) and reports the total cholesterol/HDL cholesterol ratio.

The routine test only tells part of the story.
 LDL is not just "one bad risk factor" ...



Low to moderate risk when using a calculated LDL.

The VAP Test tells the whole story.

... LDL is "four bad risk factors when independently measured by the VAP Test"



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Client Service department at 718-232-1515, Ext 1.

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