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## **Lactose Tolerance Test**

How to Prepare	Contact the laboratory at 1-877-868-6848 to book an appointment.
	<ul> <li>The Lactose Tolerance test takes about 2 and a half hours. You must stay at the laboratory site for the entire time.</li> <li>Have nothing to eat, chew, or drink other than small amounts of water for a minimum of 8 hours before your appointment.</li> <li>Prescription medication is permitted.</li> <li>Please do not book x-rays that use a barium drink on the same day before your fasting blood test.</li> </ul>
Drink ingredients	Lactose Monohydrate  There is no flavoring or coloring
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During the procedure	<ul> <li>You will have an initial blood specimen taken.</li> <li>You will then be given a lactose drink that you will be encouraged to finish within 5 minutes.</li> <li>You will then have other blood specimens taken at 30 minutes, 1 hour and 2 hours after you finish the drink.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>IMPORTANT:</li> <li>You cannot leave the laboratory during the procedure.</li> <li>You may NOT smoke, eat, chew or drink (except small amounts of water) during the test.</li> <li>Notify the laboratory staff if you feel sick during the test.</li> <li>You may use the washroom.</li> </ul>
After the procedure	You may resume normal diet and activities at the conclusion of the test.
Questions About Your Collection?	Laboratory location, hours and contact information may be found at:  • www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca  • Alberta Precision Laboratories at 1-877-868-6848  • Health Link Alberta at 811