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How to Read Your Own Blood Tests



Definitions

Normal Reference Ranges refer to the laboratory values that are generally associated with absence of disease. Values higher or lower indicate deviation from the standard norm and can indicate disease.

Desirable Ranges are those that are associated with absence of disease and lower risk for illness.

Optimal Ranges* are those that reflect low to zero risk for disease and denote optimal wellness and healthy aging.

*Optimal Ranges that are highlighted denote Optimal SI Units and are ONLY TO BE USED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Disclaimer

Standard laboratory reference values are based on population statistics for people who are generally healthy and with an absence of quantifiable disease. However, true health is not just the absence of disease but a state of optimal wellness. The information in this course and reference sheet is for educational purposes only. It is meant to as a guide towards health and does not replace the evaluation by and advice of a qualified licensed healthcare professional. For detailed interpretation of your blood tests, consult with your physician.

Complete Blood Count Panel with Differential

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
WBC	$4.0-10.5 \times 10^3/\mu L$	within range	5.5-10.0 5.5-10.0 10 ⁹ /L
RBC, male	3.89-5.6 x 10 ³ /μL	within range	within range within range
RBC, female	4.2-6.1 x 10 ³ /μL	within range	within range within range
Hemoglobin	11.5-15.0 g/dL	within range	within range within range
Hematocrit	34.0-44.0%	within range	within range within range
MCV	80-98 fL	within range	within range within range
МСН	27.0-34.0 pg	within range	within range within range
RDW	11.7-15.0%	within range	within range within range
Platelets	140-415 x 10³/μL	within range	240-400 240-400 10 ⁹ /L
Neutrophils	$1.8-7.8 \times 10^3/\mu L$	within range	3.0-6.5 3.0-6.5 10 ⁹ /L
Lymphocytes	$0.7-4.5 \times 10^3/\mu L$	within range	2.5-4.5 2.5-4.5 10 ⁹ /L
Monocytes	0.1 - $1.0 \times 10^3/\mu$ L	within range	within range within range
Eosinophils	$0.0-0.4 \times 10^3/\mu L$	within range	0.0-0.3 0.0-0.3 10 ⁹ /L
Basophils	$0.0-0.1 \times 10^3/\mu L$	within range	within range within range
Immature Granulocytes	0.0-0.1 x 10 ³ /μL	within range	within range within range

Comprehensive Chemistry Panel

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Test Name	Normal Reference Range	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Glucose	65-99 mg/dL	within range	75-85 4.16-4.72 mmol/L
BUN	5-26 mg/dL	within range	15-20 5.35-7.14 mmol/L
Creatinine	0.57-1.00 mg/dL	within range	within range within range
eGFR	Greater than 59	within range	greater than 60 within range
BUN/Creatine Ratio	8-27	within range	15-27 N/A
Sodium	135-145 mmol/L	within range	within range within range
Potassium	3.5-5.2 mmol/L	within range	within range within range
Chloride	97-108 mmol/L	within range	within range within range
Carbon Dioxide	20-32 mmol/L	within range	within range within range
Calcium	8.7-10.2 mg/dL	within range	9.0-10.2 2.25-2.55 mmol/L
Total Protein	6.0-8.5 g/dL	within range	7.0-8.5 70-85 g/L
Albumin	3.5-5.5 g/dL	4.0-5.5	4.5-5.5 45-55 g/L
Globulin	1.5-4.5 g/dL	within range	within range within range
A/G Ratio	1.1-2.5	within range	within range within range
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Comprehensive Chemistry Panel (cont...)

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	I I	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Bilirubin	0.0-1.2 mg/dL		within range	within range within range
Alkaline Phosphatase	25-150 IU/L		within range	65-85 1.08-1.42 μkat/L
AST	0-40 IU/L		within range	within range within range
ALT	0-40 IU/L		within range	within range within range

Healthy Lipid Panel

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	Your Results	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Total Cholesterol (TC)	130-200 mg/dL		< 200	145-165 3.75-4.27 mmol/L
Triglycerides (TG)	30-150 mg/dL		< 100	< 50 < .57 mmol/L
HDL	35-150 mg/dL		> 60	> 65 > 1.68 mmol/L
LDL	0-129 mg/dL		< 100	< 70 < 1.81 mmol/L
TC/HDL	3.9-5.7		< 3.5	< 2.5 < 2.5
TG/HDL	None		< 2.0	< 2.0
LDL/HDL	0.5-3.0	i !	< 2.0	< .87
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Inflammation Marker Panel

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Sedimentation Rate	0-30	0-20	0-10 0-10
Cardiac CRP	1.00-3.00 mg/L	within range	< 1.0 < 1.0
Homocysteine	0.0-15.0 μmol	0.0-9.0	0.0-6.0 0.0-6.0 μmol/L

Healthy Thyroid Panel

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	I I	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
TSH	0.4-5.5 mU/L		1.0-3.5	1.0-2.0 1.0-2.0 mU/L
T4, total	4.5-12.5 mcg/dL		within range	7.5-8.1 98.55-104.25 nmol/L
T4, free	0.8-1.8 ng/dL		within range	1.2-1.4 15.44-18.02 pmol/L
T3, total	60-181 ng/dL		80-180	120-124 1.85-1.91 nmol/L
T3, free	2.60-4.80 pg/mL		within range	2.80-3.20 4.31-4.93 pmol/L
T3, uptake	24-39 %		within range	within range within range
T3, reverse	90-350		within range	within range within range

Healthy Male Hormone Panel

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	The state of the s	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Estradiol (E2)	21-54 pg/mL		within range	< 40 < 146.84 pmol/L
LH	1.7-8.6 mIU/mL		within range	within range within range
Testosterone	280-800 ng/dL		450-800	650-850 22.6-29.5 nmol/L
Free Testosterone	4.7-26.5 pg/mL		within range	10-25 346.7-866.75 pmol/L
DHT	30-85 ng/dL		within range	55-85 1.91-2.95 nmol/L
DHEA-S	30-620 mcg/dL		250-350	250-450 2500-4500 μg/L
Cortisol	5-29 mcg/dL		5-15	5-10 137.95-265.9 nmol/L
PSA	0.0-4.0 ng/mL		0.0-3.5	0.0-1.5 0.0-1.5 μg/L
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Healthy Female Hormone Panel

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	Your Results	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Estradiol (E2)	12-498 pg/mL (age-matched range)		within age- matched range	within age- matched range
			1 1 1 1 1	within age- matched range
Progesterone	0.1-27.0 ng/mL (age-matched range)		within age- matched range	women <i>under</i> 50: within range women <i>over</i> 50: 1.5-4.5
			1 1 1 1	4.77-14.3 nmol/L
LH	1.0-95.6 mIU/mL (age-matched range)		within age- matched range	within age- matched range
			1 1 1 1 1	within age- matched range
FSH	1.7-134.8 mIU/mL (age-matched range)		within age- matched range	women under 50: within range women over 50: 25-100
			i !	25-100 IU/L
Testosterone	6-82 ng/dL		25-82	35-65 1.21-2.25 nmol/L
DHEA-S	30-560 mcg/dL (age-matched range)		150-250	150-350 1500-3500 μg/L
Cortisol	5-29 mcg/dL		5-15	5-10 137.9-265.9 nmol/L

Growth Hormone Markers

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	Your Results	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
IGF-1	65-483 ng/mL		165-350	250-350 250-350 μg/L
IGFBP-3	3.4-6.8 mg/L		within range	within range within range
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Healthy Glucose Metabolic Panel

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Glucose	65-99 mg/dL	within range	75-85 4.16-4.72 mmol/L
Hemoglobin A1c	4.8-5.6%	within range	4.8-5.1 .048051
Insulin	0.0-24.9 μIU/mL	0.0-15.0	2.0-10.0 13.89-69.45 pmol/L

Healthy Nutrient Panel

Test Name	Normal Reference Range	I I	Desirable Range	Optimal Range = Outside U.S.
Folic Acid (Folate)	2.2-3.0 ng/mL		within range	> 3.0 > 6.8 nmol/L
Iron, Adult Female	35-155 μg/dL		within range	55-125 9.85-22.38 μmol/L
Iron, Adult Male	40-155 μg/dL		within range	55-125 9.85-22.38 μmol/L
Vitamin B12	211-946 pg/mL		400-946	600-1000 442.8-738 pmol/L
Vitamin C		i I	within range	1.5-3.0 85.17-170.3 µmol/L
Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy	32-100 ng/mL	 	39-100	70-100 174.7-249.6 nmol/L

Healthy Vegan-Vegetarian Profile

Plus COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT and CHEMISTRY PANEL

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Folic Acid (Folate)	2.2-3.0 ng/mL		within range	> 3.0 > 6.8 nmol/L
Iron, Adult Female	35-155 μg/dL		within range	55-125 9.85-22.38 μmol/L
Iron, Adult Male	40-155 μg/dL		within range	45-125
Vitamin B12	211-946 pg/mL		400-946	9.85-22.38 μmol/L 600-1000
Vitamin C	0.4-2.0 mg/dL		within range	442.8-738 pmol/L 1.5-3.0
Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy	32-100 ng/mL		39-100	85.17-170.3 μmol/L 70-100 174.7-249.6 nmol/L
Ferritin, Male	30-400 ng/mL		within range	70-150 157.3-337.1 pmol/L
Ferritin, Female	13-150 ng/mL		within range	70-90 157.3-202.3 pmol/L
Methylmalonic Acid	73-376 nmol/L		within range	within range within range
Homocysteine	0.0-15.0 μmol		0.0-9.0	0.0-6.0 0.0-6.0 μmol/L
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¹Deficiencies of cobalamin (vitamin B12) or folate are common conditions that predispose for anemia and chronic diseases. An elevated concentration of methylmalonic acid in plasma/serum is an indicator of cobalamin deficiency, whereas an increased concentration of total homocysteine in plasma occurs with deficiency of both cobalamin and folate. The biomarkers methylmalonic acid and homocysteine are therefore complementary.

Ueland PM, Schneede J. Measurement of methylmalonic acid, homocysteine and methionine in cobalamin and folate deficiencies and homocysteinuria. Tidsskr Nor Laegeforen. 2008 Mar 13;128(6):690–3.

There is no "gold standard" for establishing optimal ranges for Methylmalonic Acid (MMA). However, since levels above the reference range establishes vitamin B12 deficiency, it's reasonable to assume that levels between 75 and 300 are more optimal.