

APTT RATIO

Description	The APTT Ratio is a derivative of the Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT)
Indication	The APTT Ratio is used to monitor the use of unfractionated heparin.
Additional Info	Other hospitals may use different reagents, so you may get different results.
Concurrent Tests	APTT
Interpretation	Unfractionated heparin prolongs the APTT, therapeutic levels of heparin relate to an APTT Ratio of between 1.8 and 3.3. Levels below 1.8 would indicate that the patient may have a problem with thrombosis, levels above 3.3 will increase the risk of bleeding.
Collection Conditions	Samples must be correctly filled as the ratio of anticoagulant to blood is crucial for accurate test results. Samples will be rejected by the laboratory if they are under or over filled. Samples should arrive in the laboratory within 4 hours of blood draw.
Frequency Of Testing	As required and may be as often as 4 hourly.
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