

Alcohol (plasma)	
Description	Alcohol (ethyl alcohol) measurements are provided for clinical purposes. No chain of custody is provided and therefore these results cannot be used for legal purposes.
Indication	Plasma ethanol is used to determine if levels are consistent with intoxication and/or clinical symptoms.
Additional Info	The presence of ethanol is considered a high risk factor when instigating the treatment of paracetamol overdose.
Concurrent Tests	Plasma osmolality, plasma glucose
Dietary Requirements	N/A
Interpretation	The UK legal drink-driving limit is 80mg/dL (800mg/L or 17.4mmol/L). The limit of detection of the assay is ~ 100mg/L or 2.2 mmol/L.
Collection Conditions	F EDTA tube (Sarstedt yellow top). Transport to lab immediately.
Frequency of testing	As required.