

## C-Reactive Protein

<b>Description</b>	Acute phase protein synthesised in the liver.
<b>Indication</b>	Detection and monitoring of inflammatory disease. Distinguishing between bacterial and viral infection.
<b>Additional Info</b>	Raised in the acute phase response. Detectable within 6 hours and half life of 19 hours.
<b>Concurrent Tests</b>	N/A
<b>Dietary Requirements</b>	N/A
<b>Interpretation</b>	CRP is a sensitive but non- specific indicator of illness. A small increase can occur with mild inflammatory or viral infections. In acute or significant inflammation or bacterial infections CRP is significantly raised.
<b>Collection Conditions</b>	N/A
<b>Frequency of testing</b>	Should not be repeated more often than twice a week except in rare conditions like acute colitis.