

Laxative Screen (Urine)

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| Description | Screen for the most commonly abused stimulant laxatives: bisacodyl, danthron, phenolphthalein and rhein. |
| Indication | Suspected laxative abuse. |
| Additional Info | Diarrhoea, constipation, abdominal pain, dehydration, electrolyte disturbances (hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia) and excessive weight loss may be indicators of laxative abuse. |
| Concurrent Tests | None |
| Dietary Requirements | None |
| Interpretation | To confidently determine or eliminate laxative abuse, samples taken on 2 or 3 consecutive days should be sent. |
| Collection Conditions | Urine (random) |
| Frequency of testing | As required. |