

Ferritin

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| Description | Ferritin (serum) |
| Indication | Iron deficiency anaemia. Iron overload. |
| Additional Info | Ferritin the intracellular protein to which iron is bound, is required for iron storage and transport. |
| Concurrent Tests | Iron studies, transferrin, FBC, CRP (to exclude acute phase reaction). |
| Dietary Requirements | N/A |
| Interpretation | Raised in disorders of chronic iron overload e.g. haemochromatosis, porphyria and haemosiderosis. Low in chronic iron deficiency anaemia. Ferritin is an acute phase reactant and may be elevated by intercurrent illness |
| Collection Conditions | N/A |
| Frequency of testing | As required |