



VITAMIN D TEST GUIDELINES

PCL Alverno receives many calls each month on which Vitamin D test should be used for monitoring and/or diagnosis of deficiencies, supplemental therapy monitoring and/or renal patient status. To help clarify, here are guidelines that may be helpful to your practice:

Vitamin D 25 OH (Hydroxy) Total:

Vitamin D Screen and Therapeutic Monitor (25-OH-Vit D) is used to screen for Vitamin D deficiency and to monitor patients on supplemental therapy.

Vitamin D 1,25 Dihydroxy, Serum:

Vitamin D Renal, Increased Ca^{+2} (1,25-OH₂-Vit D Total) is used for hypercalcemic or renal failure patients. Order in conjunction with 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D.

25-Hydroxy Vitamin D2 and D3:

Vitamin D Non-response to Therapy (25-OH-Vit D2, D3) is used to evaluate the non-response to supplemental therapy. Only order after 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D levels have been tested.

REFERENCE LABORATORY CHANGE

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