NMP NATIONAL METABOLOMICS PLATFORM

Quantitative Amino Acids
DRIED BLOOD SPOT

NHRPL Tariff Code:
4194
Tariff (Including VAT):
R 766.49*
*The listed tariff does not include logistical, collection and other services.
Mnemonic:
PAAg
Turnaround time:
As a single test: 10 work days from receipt of sample at CHM. As part of a screening panel: 15 work days from receipt of sample at CHM.
Method:
Tandem Mass Spectrometry

Description

1. Above price includes the assay, quantification and interpretation of selected amino acids including citrulline, tyrosine, phenylalanine, methionine, isoleucine/leucine, valine.

Comments

1. This analysis can be utilsed to only rule in or exclude amino acid related disorders associated with abovementioned amino acids.
2. Medication intake may significantly influence the analysis and subsequent result interpretation.

Information Required with sample(s):

Absent clinical details may affect the interpretation of results and recommendations for further/additional testing and subsequent diagnosis of a metabolic disorder. Consent to use below information (point 4) is required according to POPIA regulation:

1. Clinical history of the patient. The referring clinician can complete the clinical history form by downloading it from the website and sending it with the sample, or emailing it to pliem@nwu.ac.za.
2. Other relevant medical reports (e.g. MRI brain, EEG, X-Ray reports, sonar reports, biopsy reports, genetic testing reports, etc) that may assist in the diagnosis of a metabolic disorder can be emailed to pliem@nwu.ac.za.
3. Cumulative, routine pathology results of the patient (including archive results available) – this must be provided and emailed to pliem@nwu.ac.za by the referring pathology laboratory.
4. Please download and complete the short consent form from the website and also indicate if the patient/family may be contacted by our rare disease biobank.

Sample requirements, viability, stability:

1. One dried blood spot [DBS] sample – 4 complete circles.
2. Keep in sealed paper envelope after dried according to requirements; send separate from other wet specimens and within 2 days after collection. Humidity and extreme heat temperatures may influence the stability of metabolites.
3. Viability: 1 month, kept in a dry, cool place.