**PLATELET FUNCTION TESTING**

Your doctor has requested you have platelet function testing. This is a specialised laboratory test to assess the function of your platelets.

* **This test can only be performed on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 3pm.** Please do not turn up on other days as you will be turned away. The scientist must prepare the equipment with special reagents and be available to test the sample fresh on its arrival to the laboratory. If required, phone **8405 8369** and ask to speak to the coagulation scientist.
* It is important to stop taking any medication that interferes with platelet function for at least a week prior to the blood test. These include anti-inflammatory medications (eg. Nurofen), aspirin, Clopidogrel, blood thinners and natural therapies. You should discuss with your doctor whether such medications should be stopped prior the test. If the doctor says to continue, please do so but let the pathology collection staff know.
* If you are unwell, please check prior to having the test that it is OK to proceed with the test as this may also affect the result.

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