

Document Title:	Platelet Function Test	Northern Pathology VICTORIA
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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 at The Northern Hospital Collection Centre.** 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.
- **The listed medications below can interfere with the blood test and should ideally be stopped for at least a week prior to the blood test. However, please discuss with your doctor if you can/should stop the medications prior to the test.**

These include:

- Anti-inflammatory medications (e.g. Nurofen)
- Aspirin
- Clopidogrel
- Natural therapies

If the doctor says to continue, please do so but let the pathology collection staff know. Please also provide the collection staff with a list of your current medications.

Alongside withholding the above medication please ensure that you limit your caffeine intake.

- 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.