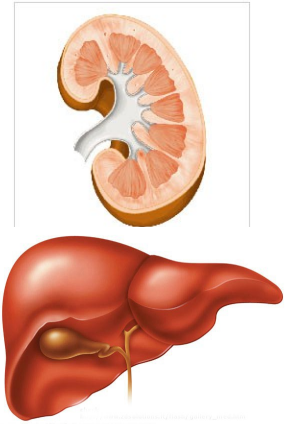


Comprehensive Metabolic Panel

What is it?

A Comprehensive Metabolic Panel is a simple blood test that requires blood to be drawn by a needle stick. This test measures the amount of electrolytes (such as sodium and potassium) in your blood stream. It measures Urea and Creatinine, which reflect kidney function. It also evaluates how well your liver is functioning by measuring proteins made by your liver and enzymes released by your liver when it is injured



Why has my doctor ordered this test?

Your doctor may order this test for a variety of reasons. This test helps evaluate how well your kidneys are functioning and may help determine if there has been any damage to your kidneys. This is important because further testing or treatment may be necessary if there is evidence of kidney damage. Also, your doctor may have ordered this test to evaluate for any abnormalities of your liver. This test is a screening test done routinely in patients to evaluate the baseline function of the liver and kidneys.

Special Instructions:

1. This test does not have to be scheduled.
2. You should take the doctor's orders for testing to the Admitting office at Children's and Women's Hospital to register for blood tests.
3. The results of your tests will be reviewed with you at your follow up visit.
4. If an appointment needs to be rescheduled due to results, we will contact you.
5. We may not discuss these results over the phone due to privacy concerns.

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For more Information, please contact the Pediatric Healthy Life Center at 251-434-5038