

#### Greeley:

Horizon Laboratory at Summit View Medical Commons 2001 70th Avenue Greely, CO 80634 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday: 7:00 am-Noon

#### Windsor:

Horizon Laboratory at Banner Health Clinic-Windsor 1300 Main Street Windsor, CO 80550 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:30pm (Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm) Loveland: Horizon Laboratory at Skyline Center for Health 2555 E. 13th Street, Suite 115 Loveland, CO 80537 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-5:00 pm Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. - Noon

## Horizon Laboratory at

Banner Health Clinic-Aspen 2923 Ginnala Drive Loveland, CO 80538 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:30 am-4:30 pm (Closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

#### Horizon Laboratory at

Banner Health Center-SW Loveland 1230 SW 14th Street Loveland, CO 80537 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:30 am-4:30 pm (Closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

# **Fasting Laboratory Test Information**

Fort Collins: Horizon Laboratory at Banner Health Center-Fort Collins 702 W. Drake Road, Bldg. A Ft. Collins, CO 80526 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:30 am-4:30 pm (Closed 12:30 pm.-1:30 pm)

Horizon Laboratory at Banner – Ft. Collins Medical Center 4700 Lady Moon Drive Ft. Collins, CO 80528 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday: 7:00 am-Noon

<u>Sterling</u> Horizon Laboratory at Banner Health Clinic-Sterling 102 Hayes Ave Sterling, CO 80751 PH: (970)820-6890 Monday-Friday 7:00 am-4:00 pm (Closed 12 pm – 1 pm)

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Some blood tests results are changed by eating food or drinking. A patient should fast for hours before having one of these tests drawn. Blood cholesterol, triglyceride, vitamin levels, and glucose levels are the most common tests that need fasting. Check with your doctor if you are unsure.

### Information for a fasting blood collection:

- You do not need to schedule an appointment.
- You can go to any one of the Horizon Outpatient Draw sites.
- A 10-12 hour fast is suggested for cholesterol and triglyceride tests. Vitamin levels and glucose tests only need an 8-hour fast. Follow the rules makes sure an accurate lab test result.
- Do not eat any food or drink for 8-12 hours (except water) before you go to have your blood taken. If a glucose tolerance test is ordered, plan to stay in the lab 2-3 hours.

Here are answers to some common questions about fasting.

- ✓ Can I drink water?
- Yes, you may drink water.
- Should I take my medicines?
  - Yes, take any medicines as ordered by your doctor.
- ✓ Can I brush my teeth?
  - Yes, you may brush your teeth?
- ✓ Can I drink any juice?
  - No. Juice drinks will change your test results.
- Can I drink black coffee or tea?
  - No. Caffeinated drinks will change your test results.
- ✓ Can I chew gum?
  - No. Gum is a food and will change your test results.
- ✓ Can I smoke?
  - No. Smoking can change your test results.
- ✓ Can I work out or go to my fitness class?
  - No. Workouts or fitness classes can change your test results

Ask your doctor or laboratory staff if you have more questions.