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**Blood Chemistry:
Introduction**

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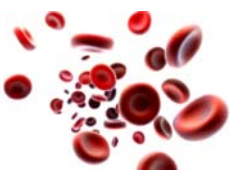
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**Blood Chemistry
What We'll Cover #1**

- ✓ Introduction: Blood testing -- what it is and what it isn't
- ✓ Secrets to finding nutritional pearls most doctors miss
- ✓ Lab normal ranges vs. functional (ideal) ranges
- ✓ What's included in a "routine" blood chemistry screen
- ✓ Introducing a cutting-edge analysis tool:
Lab Results Tracking Spreadsheet
- ✓ Complete Blood Count (CBC) and
"Going Under the Cover" to truly correct anemia



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What We'll Cover #2

- ✓ Complete Blood Count (CBC) and immune function
- ✓ Electrolytes
- ✓ Minerals and bone metabolism
- ✓ Vitamins
- ✓ Blood sugar
- ✓ Thyroid
- ✓ Digestion
- ✓ Kidney
- ✓ Liver
- ✓ Lipids and cardiovascular



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What We'll Cover #3

- ✓ Lab analysis summary tool – in Master Health Tracker spreadsheet
- ✓ Computerized blood chemistry analysis – software features and demo
- ✓ Case studies
- ✓ Summary



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Introduction to Blood Analysis

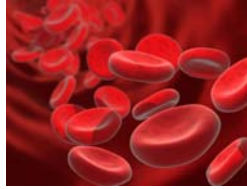
- ✓ Why do blood testing
- ✓ What it is...
- ✓ What it isn't...
- ✓ Lab normal ranges vs. functional (ideal) ranges
- ✓ Secrets to finding nutritional pearls most doctors miss



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"Routine" Blood Chemistry Screen

- ✓ How often to run
- ✓ How can non-licensed practitioners run them
- ✓ How much does it cost
- ✓ Interpretation
- ✓ What's usually included



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Blood Chemistry Testing Resources

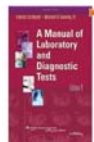
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Conventional Medical Interpretation Books

- ✓ **A Manual of Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests**
Frances Fischbach and Marshall B. Dunning
<http://www.drritamarie.com/go/ManualOfLabDiagnosticTests>
- ✓ **Clinical Laboratory Medicine: Clinical Applications of Laboratory Data**
Richard Ravel MD
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Functional Interpretation Books

- ✓ **Blood Chemistry and CBC Analysis**
Dicken Weatherby, ND, Scott Ferguson
<http://www.drritamarie.com/go/BloodChemCBCWeatherby>
- ✓ **Encyclopedia of Nutritional Interpretation of Blood Tests**
Michael Wald, MD, DC
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Computerized Functional Interpretation

- ✓ Dr. Ritamarie's Spreadsheet
- ✓ The Blood Detective - \$4900
<http://blooddetective.com/>
- ✓ Blood Chemistry Software
\$65 - \$150 per month
<http://bloodchemsoftware.com/>



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"Routine" Blood Chemistry Screen: What's Usually Included

- ✓ CBC
- ✓ Thyroid w/TSH
- ✓ Lipid Profile
- ✓ Liver Profile
- ✓ Kidney Panel
- ✓ Iron
- ✓ Glucose
- ✓ Fluids, Electrolytes, and Minerals



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Non-Optional Extras

- ✓ Vitamin D3: Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy
- ✓ Thyroid Peroxidase Antibodies (TPO) or Thyroid Antibodies (TAA) Panel which also includes Antithyroglobulin Antibodies
- ✓ Iron
- ✓ Ferritin
- ✓ Hemoglobin A1C
- ✓ Free T3



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Specialty Blood Tests

- ✓ C-reactive Protein
- ✓ Homocysteine
- ✓ Sedimentation Rate (ESR)
- ✓ Fasting Insulin
- ✓ DHEA
- ✓ Testosterone
- ✓ Estrogen
- ✓ PSA

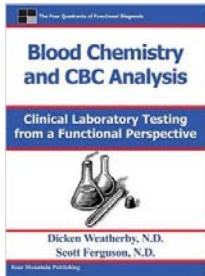


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Functional Diagnosis Hierarchy

Dr. Dicken Weatherby, Blood Chemistry and CBC Analysis

✓ Digestion	✓ Kidney and bladder
✓ Gallbladder	✓ Adrenal
✓ Detox: liver, kidney, large intestine	✓ Thyroid
✓ Minerals, vitamins, EFAs	✓ Sex hormones
✓ Blood sugar and oxidative stress	✓ Cardiovascular
	✓ Inflammation
	✓ Immune system



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A Cutting-Edge Analysis Tool:
Lab Results Tracking Spreadsheet

CATEGORIES	TEST	LAB RANGE		FLAG	DATE	DATE	POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION	LAB USE
		Min	Max					
1	Lab Markers							
2	Glucose, Serum	mg/dL	80	100	120	140	Diabetes, insulin resistance, hypoglycemia, low adrenal, hypothyroidism, stress, low	Test fasting insulin, hemoglobin A1C
3	Uric Acid, Serum (Creatinine)	mg/dL	10	7.0	7.2	11	Low: arthralgia, uric acid stress, rheumatoid arthritis, kidney circulation, early renal dysfunction	High: evaluate for signs and symptoms of gout, if low, check for other signs of PBC deficiency and renal insufficiency (check BUN)
4	Uric Acid, Serum (BUN)	mg/dL	10	7.0	7.2	11	Low: arthralgia, uric acid stress, rheumatoid arthritis, kidney circulation, early renal dysfunction	High: evaluate for signs and symptoms of gout, if low, check for other signs of PBC deficiency and renal insufficiency (check BUN)
5	BUN	mg/dL	10	20	24	28	Acute renal failure, chronic renal failure, dehydration, liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
6	Creatinine, Serum	mg/dL	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.4	Chronic renal failure, liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
7	eGFR (Cockcroft-Gault)	ml/min/1.73	30	60	90	120	See BUN & Creatinine	See BUN & Creatinine
8	BUN/Creatinine Ratio		10	20	24	28	Hypernatremia, dehydration	Check for signs of edema or dehydration, serum stress index, Test: creatinine and other stress
9	Sodium, Serum	mmol/L	135	145	150	155	Hyponatremia, hyponatremia, adrenal stress	Check for signs of edema or dehydration, serum stress index, Test: creatinine and other stress
10	Potassium, Serum	mmol/L	3.5	4.5	5.0	5.5	Hyperkalemia, hypokalemia, adrenal stress	Check for signs of edema or dehydration, serum stress index, Test: creatinine and other stress
11	Calcium, Serum	mg/dL	8.5	9.5	10.0	10.5	Hypercalcemia, hypocalcemia, adrenal stress	Check for signs of edema or dehydration, serum stress index, Test: creatinine and other stress
12	Albumin, Serum	g/dL	3.5	4.5	5.0	5.5	Low: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
13	Globulin, Serum	g/dL	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	High: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
14	A/G Ratio		1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	Low: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
15	Bilirubin, Total	mg/dL	0.2	1.2	1.5	2.0	Hyperbilirubinemia, hypobilirubinemia, adrenal stress	Check for signs of edema or dehydration, serum stress index, Test: creatinine and other stress
16	Alkaline Phosphatase, Serum	U/L	40	100	120	140	Hyperphosphatemia, hypophosphatemia, adrenal stress	Check for signs of edema or dehydration, serum stress index, Test: creatinine and other stress
17	LDH	U/L	100	200	250	300	High: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
18	AST (SGOT)	U/L	0	40	50	60	High: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
19	ALT (SGPT)	U/L	0	40	50	60	High: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
20	GGT	U/L	0	40	50	60	High: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
21	Iron, Serum	ug/dL	50	150	200	250	Low: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
22	Lipids							
23	Cholesterol, Total	mg/dL	100	150	200	250	High: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine
24	Triglycerides	mg/dL	0	100	150	200	High: liver dysfunction, low protein diet, excessive protein intake, hypernatremia	PC challenge, enzymes, uric acid, creatinine

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TESTS	RESULT	FLAG	UNITS	REFERENCE INTERVAL	LAB
CMP14+LP+TP+TSH+SAC+CBC/D/Plt					
Chemistries					
Glucose, Serum	75		mg/dL	65 - 99	01
Uric Acid, Serum	2.9		mg/dL	2.5 - 7.1	01
Please Note:					
BUN	10		mg/dL	6 - 24	01
Creatinine, Serum	0.64		mg/dL	0.57 - 1.00	01
eGFR If NonAfrican Am	105		ml/min/1.73	>59	01
eGFR If African Am	121		ml/min/1.73	>59	01
BUN/Creatinine Ratio	16			9 - 23	01
Sodium, Serum	140		mmol/L	134 - 144	01
Potassium, Serum	3.8		mmol/L	3.5 - 5.2	01
Chloride, Serum	101		mmol/L	97 - 108	01
Carbon Dioxide, Total	24		mmol/L	18 - 29	01
Calcium, Serum	9.1		mg/dL	8.7 - 10.2	01
Phosphorus, Serum	3.3		mg/dL	2.5 - 4.5	01
Protein, Total, Serum	5.9	Low	g/dL	6.0 - 8.5	01
Albumin, Serum	4.1		g/dL	3.5 - 5.5	01
Globulin, Total	1.8		g/dL	1.5 - 4.5	01
A/G Ratio	2.3			1.1 - 2.5	01
Bilirubin, Total	0.4		mg/dL	0.0 - 1.2	01
Alkaline Phosphatase, S	47		U/L	39 - 117	01
LDH	144		U/L	119 - 226	01
AST (SGOT)	19		U/L	0 - 40	01
ALT (SGPT)	13		U/L	0 - 32	01
GGT	9		U/L	0 - 60	01
Iron, Serum	86		ug/dL	35 - 155	01
Lipids					
Cholesterol, Total	126		mg/dL	100 - 199	01
Triglycerides	61		mg/dL	0 - 149	01

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TESTS	RESULT	FLAG	UNITS	REFERENCE INTERVAL	LAB
HDL Cholesterol					
Cholesterol	64		mg/dL	39 - 119	01
LDL Cholesterol	40		mg/dL	0 - 99	01
LDL Cholesterol Calc	2.0		mmol/L	0.0 - 4.4	01
T. Chol/HDL Ratio					
Please Note:					
1/2 Avg Risk					
Avg Risk					
2X Avg Risk					
3X Avg Risk					
Thyroid					
TSH	2.60		uIU/mU	0.450 - 4.300	01
Thyroxine (T4)	5.9		ug/dL	4.5 - 12.0	01
T3 Uptake	30		%	24 - 39	01
Free Thyroxine Index	1.8			1.2 - 4.9	01
CBC, Platelet Ct, and Diff					
RBC	4.17		x10 ¹² /L	3.77 - 5.28	01
Hemoglobin	12.3		g/dL	11.1 - 15.9	01
Hematocrit	37.0		%	34.0 - 45.4	01
MCH	29.5		pg	27 - 32	01
MCHC	33.2		g/dL	31.5 - 35.7	01
RDW	13.0		%	12.3 - 14.4	01
Platelets	274		x10 ³ /L	160 - 379	01
Neutrophils	67		%	40 - 70	01
Lymphs	26		%	20 - 40	01
Monocytes	4		%	2 - 8	01
Basos	1		%	0 - 2	01
Neutrophils (Absolute)	4.0		x10 ³ /L	1.4 - 7.0	01
Lymphs (Absolute)	1.6		x10 ³ /L	0.7 - 3.1	01
Monocytes (Absolute)	0.3		x10 ³ /L	0.1 - 0.9	01
Basos (Absolute)	0.1		x10 ³ /L	0.0 - 0.4	01
Immature Granulocytes	0.0		%	0.0 - 0.2	01
Immature Granulocytes (Abs)	0.0		x10 ³ /L	0.0 - 0.1	01
Thyroxine (T4) Free, Direct, S	1.08		ng/dL	0.82 - 1.77	01
T4 Free (Direct)					

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TEST	REFERENCE	UNIT	REF RANGE	REF RANGE	UNIT
AntiThyroglobulin Ab					
Thyroglobulin, Antibody	<1.0	IU/mL	0.0 - 0.9		01
Please Note:					01
Low positive thyroglobulin antibodies are seen in a portion of the asymptomatic populations.					
Thyroglobulin antibodies measured by Beckman Coulter Methodology					
Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy	47.4	ng/mL	30.0 - 100.0		01
Vitamin D deficiency has been defined by the Institute of Medicine and an Endocrine Society practice guideline as a level of serum 25-OH vitamin D less than 20 ng/mL (1,2).					
The Endocrine Society went on to further define vitamin D insufficiency as a level between 21 and 29 ng/mL (2).					
1. IOM (Institute of Medicine). 2010. Dietary reference intakes for calcium and D. Washington DC: The National Academies Press.					
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Thyroid Peroxidase (TPO) Ab	7	IU/mL	0 - 34		01
Triiodothyronine, Free, Serum	2.1	pg/mL	2.0 - 4.4		01

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Lab Results - U.S.					Lab Results - U.S.				
Platelet count (thrombocytes), whole blood	4PT363	50.0	400.0	50.0	450.0	226	420	420	420
Neutrophils, whole blood, number	%	40.0	70.0	40.0	40.0	47	47	47	47
Lymphocytes, whole blood, number	%	40.0	30.0	20.0	40.0	47	47	47	47
Monocytes, whole blood, number	%	0.0	10.0	0.0	7.0	4	4	4	4
Eosinophils, whole blood, number	%	0.0	5.0	0.0	3.0	1	1	1	1
Basophils, whole blood, number	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Neutrophils (leukocytes), whole blood	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Lymphocytes (leukocytes), whole blood	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Monocytes (leukocytes), whole blood	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Eosinophils (leukocytes), whole blood	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Basophils (leukocytes), whole blood	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
VITAMINS									
Vitamin D, 25-hydroxyvitamin D, serum	ng/mL	32.0	30.0	70.0	80.0	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4
Vitamin B12, serum	pg/mL	270.0	270.0	270.0	270.0	270.0	270.0	270.0	270.0
Folate, serum	ng/mL	5.4	-	5.4	-	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4