

NHS

Test	Anti-Xa level
Common Abbreviations	AXA level
Profile	Anti-Xa level
Clinical indication	Low molecular weight heparin measuring may be required when the patient is pregnant, obese, very young, elderly and those who have kidney disease or dysfunction.
Specimen type	Blood
Sample type	Adult: Blue top citrate Paediatric: Blue top citrate
Minimum volume	Adult: 1x blue top citrate sample (3ml) Paediatric: 1x blue top citrate sample (1.3ml)
Special precautions	Type of anticoagulant must be stated on request form
Stability	8 hours
Turn-around time	4 hours
Laboratory	HRI: 24/7 CHH: Assays not performed at CHH – Samples forwarded to HRI
Reference interval	Not Applicable
Limitations	Test cannot be performed if the sample is found to be clotted/haemolysed/underfilled/overfilled This assay cannot be used to monitor levels of DOACs (e.g. Apixaban, Dabigatran, Edoxaban, Rivaroxaban)

List of additional tests that can be added to original sample with time limits for requesting:

- Coagulation Screen (COA) 24 hours
- Fibrinogen level (FIB) 24 hours