



Short Synacthen Test

Patient Information Sheet

Synacthen (Tetracosactrin) is used as a diagnostic test to find out if the adrenal glands (small glands next to the kidneys) are working as well as they should. The Synacthen test is given as a single injection into the arm.

You will have **two** or **three** blood samples taken, dependant on what your doctor has requested;

- Pre-injection
- 30 minutes after injection
- 60 minutes after injection

Before we commence the test, we must know if you have;

- Asthma
- Any allergies
- Any Heart or Cardiac problems
- Reactions to any drugs especially Synacthen (Tetracosactrin)
- If you are pregnant or breast feeding.

Please inform the staff before the procedure is commenced if any of the above conditions apply.

You will be asked to rest (lie down or sit) during the entire procedure. You should arrange transport home as Synacthen may affect your ability to drive.

If there are any further questions, please discuss with the Pathologist or Registered Nurse before signing the consent form.

An appointment has been made for you to attend:

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Date **Time:**.....