

ARTERIAL BLOOD GAS (ABG)



Appointment Date: _____ **Time:** _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Pulmonary Function Lab

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

An arterial blood gas (ABG) is a test performed on blood that is drawn from an artery. The artery is located in your wrist, or just above the bend in your arm. Since arterial blood has recently passed through the lungs, an ABG gives your doctor a good idea of the condition of your lungs.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You will feel a sharp stick when the needle is inserted into your arm

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID
- You may eat and drink as usual.
- Your doctor will specify whether the blood sample should be drawn while you are breathing supplemental oxygen or room air. If your order says that you should be using oxygen when the sample is drawn, bring your portable oxygen device with you.

LENGTH OF EXAM: Plan on spending about 20 minutes at the hospital for the arterial blood gas.

AFTER THE EXAM: You may eat and resume your normal activities.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call (330-363-3937) weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

You should expect receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford building; enter from Sixth Street. Valet parking is available at the Seventh Street and Bedford building entrances for a fee - or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th street for a fee, based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Pulmonary Function Lab (7th St. parking deck is the closest parking) is located in the Main Hospital on the 4th floor. From the main hospital lobby, take the lobby elevators to the 4th floor and Pulmonary Function Lab is across from the elevator.