



Oconee Memorial Hospital

Prothrombin Time & International Normalized Ratio Test

Your doctor has sent you for a test called a prothrombin time (PT or Prottime) and international normalized ratio (INR).

The PT test is used to:

- See how well your blood-thinning medicine (such as Coumadin) is working
- Check for certain bleeding disorders that run in families, such as hemophilia

What does the PT test do?

This test helps measure the blood's ability to form a clot.

What does the INR do?

The INR helps standardize PT results from one laboratory to the next.

How are specimens collected?

A small sample of your blood will be taken.

What should I do before the test?

Ask your doctor or the laboratory staff if you need to do anything to prepare for this test.

What will the test show?

The test will show if your anti-coagulant (clot-preventing) medicine is working properly. The test also may show other problems such as liver disease or a vitamin deficiency.

What do my test results mean?

Test results may be outside of normal ranges for many reasons. Please discuss all lab results with your doctor.

Thank you for choosing Oconee Memorial Hospital for your lab procedure. We strive to provide excellent care and quality. If you have any questions or comments about our lab, please call our lab team at (864) 885-7120.