

# Blood Type And Screen

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A blood type and screen is a lab test before a procedure or surgery. Your results will tell you:

- your blood type (A, AB, B or O)
- the type of red cell antibodies in your blood.

This will help your health care team know which type of blood to use if you need a blood transfusion during your procedure or surgery.

## What to Expect

- You will be given an ID number when your blood is drawn (called your **blood bank ID**).
- Your blood bank ID will be printed on your sample and the band on your wrist.
- Your health care provider will get your results within about 24 hours.

## Important

- Do not remove the band on your wrist until after your procedure or surgery, or until your health care team says it is OK.
- Do not get the band on your wrist wet.



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If the band is removed too soon or if you cannot read the blood bank ID, you will need to have another test. This may cause your care to be delayed or rescheduled.