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Dear Colleagues,

Plasma copeptin is useful for the differential diagnosis of vasopressin-dependent fluid disorders, mainly diabetes insipidus.

Northern Pathology Victoria (NPV) is now offering copeptin proAVP on the BRAHMS Kryptor Compact PLUS.

The test will be available Mondays to Fridays except public holidays. Once a patient specimen reaches our laboratory, a result is expected by next business day. **Contact us with any urgent request.**

Acceptable sample types are EDTA plasma, non-gel serum and non-gel heparin plasma. Centrifuge and aliquot plasma/ serum within 24 hours of sample collection. Store and transport specimen frozen to NPV laboratory.

As there is no Medicare Rebate available, the test will be charged at \$50 per test.

We have been awarded an RCPA Quality Assurance Programs (RCPAQAP) Research Grant to develop a QAP for plasma copeptin.

<https://www.rcpa.edu.au/RCPA-Foundation/AwrdsGrnts/RCPAFndtnAwrd>

If you have further questions, feel free to contact us:

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