

# GI MICROBIOME PROFILE - ADVANCED

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## **DESCRIPTION**

Millions of people in the United States are affected by gastrointestinal (GI) disorders. Some are caused by pathogens, such as bacteria, viruses, and parasites. Others may be related to imbalances in the normal bacteria present in the GI tract. Symptoms of a GI infection or other problem include diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, fever, abdominal pain, appetite changes, and more.

If you are concerned about a GI infection or potential gut health or microbiome imbalances, stool testing can help. Stool testing can detect pathogens in your digestive tract that could be making you sick. It can also provide you with information about the health of your natural GI microbiome.

The **GI Microbiome Profile - Advanced** examines more than 127 markers of GI health in 13 different GI categories. This report will provide personalized information about:

- Disease-causing organisms
- Gut microbiome diversity
- Functional gut health

Please note that for this test, you will be asked to collect your stool sample at home and bring it back to your Any Lab Test Now store on that same day for processing. Please contact your local Any Lab Test Now for additional specimen collection information.

### **Test Details:**

This profile provides information in the following categories:

- Macroscopy
- Short Chain Fatty Acids
- GIT Functional Markers
- Parasites and Worms
- Bacterial Pathogens
- Opportunistic Bacteria
- Viral Pathogens
- Fungi and Yeasts
- Autoimmune Triggers
- Dominant Microbial Phyla
- Gut Microbial Diversity
- Microbial Cultures
- Antibiotic Sensitivities

## **WHO SHOULD GET THIS TEST?**

The **GI Microbiome Profile - Advanced** may be right for consumers experiencing digestive issues or who feel they may have a gastrointestinal infection.

This test is also ideal for consumers who are interested in a detailed analysis of their microbiome as a tool for understanding health issues rooted in the gut.

## **WHY IS THIS TEST IMPORTANT?**

Gastrointestinal issues can negatively impact your daily life. Stool testing is an easy and effective way to understand the possible causes of the symptoms you are experiencing. The information from this test may allow you to seek treatment from a trusted healthcare provider or to make other changes that may improve your future health.

## **AM I REQUIRED TO FAST?**

No, fasting is not necessary prior to this test.

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE?**

No special preparation is required. For best results, it may be advisable to stop taking antibiotics, antifungal drugs, antimicrobial herbs, and NSAIDS for a period of time before collecting a specimen. Always consult your healthcare provider before making any changes to a medication regimen. Contact your local Any Lab Test Now for additional information about the suggested preparation steps for this test.

## **WHAT KIND OF SAMPLE IS REQUIRED?**

A stool sample is required for this test. You will be asked to collect your stool sample at home and bring it back to your Any Lab Test Now store location for processing.

## **IS A DOCTOR'S ORDER REQUIRED?**

We can provide a doctor's order for this test at no additional cost. We can also accept your physician's order.

## **DO I NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?**

No. You can walk in for same-day testing. We make it easy by offering work-friendly store hours.

## **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY RESULTS?**

Results are typically available within 14 business days.

## **IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY RESULTS, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?**

We recommend that you share your results with your healthcare provider.

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