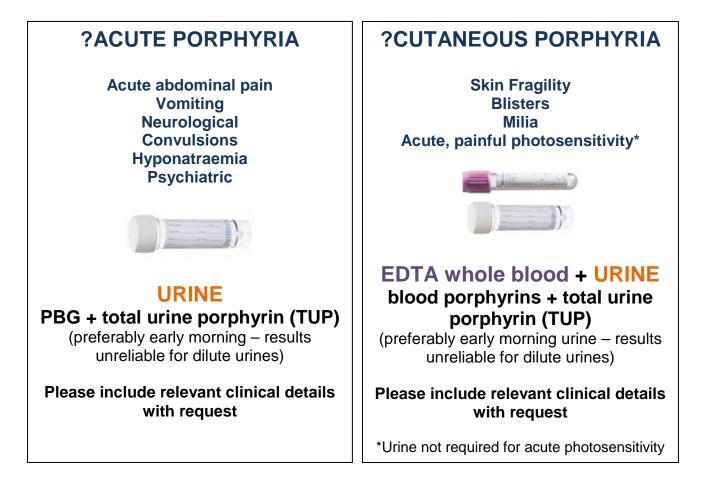


SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSPECTED PORPHYRIA



ENSURE ALL SAMPLES ARE PROTECTED FROM LIGHT

- Please contact the laboratory to arrange urgent PBG analysis for hospitalised, acutely unwell patients suspected of suffering an acute neurovisceral attack (x24305).
- In the event of positive screening tests, advice will be provided on further investigations required to confirm porphyria and to determine the specific sub-type (contact the Duty Biochemist on x29719 if discussion required)
- Note that porphyrin biochemistry can be normal in latent porphyria (e.g. family history but asymptomatic). Contact Duty Biochemist on x29719 to discuss in this situation.