

Accu-Check or Chemstrip

These tests measure the amount of glucose (sugar) in the blood. Premature babies (especially those who are ill or are receiving certain medications) may have high or low glucose levels in their blood. Since a low blood sugar demands prompt attention, having this blood test available at the bedside reduces the time needed to know whether a patient needs treatment. Without these tests it is necessary to send a blood specimen to the lab for analysis, which takes more time and delays treatment.