

Laboratory Assessments for Clients with Eating Disorders.

Assessment	Condition
Basic	
Blood chemistry studies	
- Urea and electrolytes	
- Thyroid function test	Consider for all clients with eating disorder
- Full Blood Examination (FBE)	
- Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR)	
- Glucose	
Additional Analyses	
Blood chemistry Studies	
- Calcium level - Liver function tests	Consider for malnourished and severely symptomatic clients
- Phosphorus level - Vitamin D, B12	
- Magnesium level - Iron Studies	
Electrocardiogram	
Coeliac Gene test	
Osteopenia and Osteoporosis Assessments	
Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA)	Consider for clients underweight for more than 6 months
Estradiol level	
Testosterone level in males	
Non-routine Assessments	
Serum amylase level	Consider only for specific indications. Possible indicator of persistent or recurrent vomiting
Luteinising hormone (LH) and follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) level	For persistent amenorrhoea at normal weight
Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT)	For ventricular enlargement correlated with degree of malnutrition
Stool	Occult blood loss; suspected surreptitious laxative abuse