



## Blood tests

Before donating to the Queensland Milk Bank we require you to do a simple screening test, 5 minute phone interview and have blood tests.

The blood test form will be provided by Queensland Milk Bank staff and you are able to have it done at any pathology collection centre. All blood tests are bulk billed.

These diseases can be transferred via breastmilk so prior to donating we test for them.

Your blood will be tested for:

- **Human Immunodeficiency Virus 1 and 2** – this virus is responsible for AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) which is a collection of conditions that develops when the body's immune system breaks down. It is possible to be positive for HIV without symptoms.
- **Hepatitis B** – a virus that causes inflammation of the liver
- **Hepatitis C** - another virus that causes inflammation of the liver
- **Human T-cell leukaemia virus (HL TV) I and II** – rare viruses that are known to potentially cause rare cancers. These viruses are most common in Southern Japan, Caribbean, South American and south-east USA.
- **Syphilis** – a sexually transmitted bacterial infection

If you have a positive result for any of these conditions your GP will be notified to provide support and counselling.