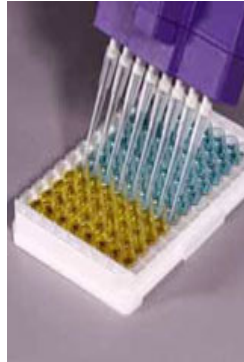


## PATH International Vitamin A Test



A new test developed by PATH International is helping to assess vitamin A deficiency. The traditional method is to measure levels of retinol in the blood. The testing process requires expensive laboratory equipment and skilled staff—both in short supply in countries where vitamin A deficiency is most prevalent. PATH's test instead measures retinol-binding protein—an indicator of the amount of vitamin A in the blood that can be measured using simple diagnostic procedures requiring limited technical skill and equipment.

The Vitamin A test can be carried out using standard laboratory equipment and requires only a small blood sample, which can be collected through a simple finger stick. In addition, the test yields results within 40 minutes.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.mecids.net/index.php>.