

Blood ethanol is a widely accepted marker for recent ethanol intake (within the last 4-6 h). However, the rapid elimination of ethanol from the body nearly always makes it impossible to assess ethanol ingestion beyond the most recent 6-8h. But serum fatty acid ethyl ester (FAEE) is detectable in the blood both when ethanol is present and long after ethanol has been removed from the circulation. For this FAEE should be better marker for prior ethanol intake.