

HOTLINE: Effective June 3, 2019

0098818**Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone, Beta (b-MSH)****MSH BETA**

Methodology: Quantitative Radioimmunoassay
Performed: Varies
Reported: 14-17 days

Specimen Required: Patient Prep: Patient should not be on any steroid, ACTH, or hypertension medication, if possible, for at least 48 hours prior to specimen collection. Morning fasting specimens are preferred.
Collect: Lavender (K₂ or K₃ EDTA) or pink (K₂EDTA).
Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 3 mL plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 1 mL) Freeze immediately.
Storage/Transport Temperature: **CRITICAL FROZEN. Separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.**
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 24 hours; Frozen: 6 months