

HOTLINE: Effective August 16, 2021

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**0020063      Beta-hCG, Serum Qualitative**

**BHCG-S**

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Serum separator tube.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: **Frozen.**

Unacceptable Conditions: Plasma. Specimens exposed to repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 72 hours; Frozen: 2 months