

HOTLINE: Effective February 22, 2022

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Beta-hCG, Quantitative (Tumor Marker)

BHCG TM

Specimen Required: Collect: Serum separator tube. Also acceptable: Lavender (K₂EDTA or K₃EDTA), pink (K₂EDTA), or green (lithium heparin).
Specimen Preparation: Allow specimen to clot completely at room temperature. Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum or plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.4 mL)
Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.
Unacceptable Conditions: CSF (refer to Beta-hCG, Quantitative (Tumor Marker) CSF, ARUP test code 0020730). Specimens left to clot at 2-8°C or specimens subjected to repeated freeze/thaw cycles.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 5 days; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year