0070029  Beta-hCG, Quantitative (Tumor Marker)  BHCG TM

Specimen Required: Collect: Serum separator tube. Also acceptable: Lavender (K$_2$EDTA or K$_3$EDTA), pink (K$_2$EDTA), 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