

## HOTLINE: Effective February 22, 2022

0070032 Adrenocorticotropic Hormone Stimulation, 30 Minutes CORTISOL30

Methodology: Quantitative Electrochemiluminescence Immunoassay

**Specimen Required:** Patient Prep: Collect 1 timed specimen at 30 minutes.

Collect: Serum separator tube (SST) or Plain Red, green (lithium heparin), Lavender (K<sub>2</sub> EDTA and K<sub>3</sub> EDTA), or pink (K<sub>2</sub> EDTA). Specimen Preparation: Allow specimen to clot completely at room temperature. Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.4 mL) Specimen must be labeled with time drawn.

 $\underline{Storage/Transport\ Temperature:}\ Refrigerated.$ 

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 4 days; Frozen: 12 months

(avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)

## **Interpretive Data:**

Normal peak serum cortisol is greater than 18.0  $\mu$ g/dL at 30 or 60 minutes after 250 micrograms of cosyntropin IV.