

HOTLINE: Effective August 16, 2021

0080392 Cancer Antigen 27.29 CA27.29

Specimen Required: Collect: Plain red or serum separator tube or EDTA plasma.

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 to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 7 days; Frozen: 3 months

## **Reference Interval:**

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## **Interpretive Data:**

**Test Information:** The CA 27.29 assay is intended for use in monitoring: 1) disease progression and/or response to therapy in patients with metastatic disease, and 2) disease recurrence in patients treated previously for stages II or III breast carcinoma who are clinically free of the disease. Serial testing in patients who are clinically free of disease should be used in conjunction with other clinical methods for early detection of cancer recurrence.

**Limitations:** Patients with confirmed breast carcinoma frequently have CA 27.29 assay values in the same range as healthy individuals. Elevations may also be observed in patients with non-malignant disease. Results of this test must always be interpreted in the context of morphologic and other relevant data and should not be used alone for a diagnosis of malignancy.

Methodology: Siemens Atellica IM BR 27.29 (BR) chemiluminescent immunoassay was used. Results obtained with different assay methods or kits cannot be used interchangeably.