

## TEST CHANGE

### Melanocyte Stimulation Hormone, Gamma (g-MSH)

0098817, MSH GAMMA

#### Specimen Requirements:

**Patient Preparation:** ~~Patient should not be on any~~**Discontinue** steroid, ACTH, or hypertension medication, if possible, for at least 48 hours prior to ~~specimen~~ collection.

**Collect:** Lavender (K2 or K3EDTA) or pink (K2EDTA).

**Specimen Preparation:** Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 3 mL plasma to an ARUP standard transport tube- ~~(Min: 1 mL)~~**Freeze and freeze** immediately. ~~(Min: 1 mL)~~ Test is not performed at ARUP; separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

**Transport Temperature:** CRITICAL FROZEN.

**Unacceptable Conditions:** ~~Serum.~~

#### Remarks:

**Stability:** Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 24 hours; Frozen: 6 months

**Methodology:** Quantitative Radioimmunoassay (RIA)

**Performed:** Varies

**Reported:** 15-20 days

#### Note:

**CPT Codes:** 83519

**New York DOH Approval Status:** Specimens from New York clients will be sent out to a New York DOH approved laboratory, if possible.

#### Interpretive Data:

#### Reference Interval:

By report