

TEST CHANGE

Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone, Beta (b-MSH)

0098818, MSH BETA

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation: Patient should not be on any steroid, ACTH, or hypertension medication, if possible, for at least 48 hours prior to specimen collection. Morning fasting specimens are preferred.

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** ~~Standard Transport Tube~~. (Min: 1 mL) Freeze immediately. Test is not performed at ARUP; separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Transport Temperature: CRITICAL FROZEN.

Unacceptable Conditions:

Remarks:

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

Methodology: Quantitative Radioimmunoassay **(RIA)**

Performed: Varies

Reported: ~~15-20~~**14-17** 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