BetahCG, Serum

Effective April 1, 2015 the preferred sample type for β-hCG will change from serum to plasma. Use of plasma provides equivalent results, but will significantly improve turnaround time by eliminating the need for specimen clotting prior to testing.

Sample Requirements:

Preferred: Plasma collected in a 3.0 mL BD Vacutainer PST Gel and Lithium Heparin (light green top) tube

Acceptable: Serum specimens collected in SST Vacutainer (gold top) tubes

Storage/Transport:

- No changes to sample stability or transport requirements

Ordering and Results:

- No changes to ordering, results or reference intervals

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Laboratory Client Services at 734-7373 or email pathologyclientservices@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu.

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