

HCG (tumor marker) (HCGMARK)

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TEST OVERVIEW

Test Name	HCG (tumor marker)
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Short Description	HCG (tumor marker)

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Test Code	HCGMARK
Category	Immunoassay
TAT	Main Lab: 8 Hour(s) Family Site: <8hrs, <6hrs
Specimen(s)	1 x Venous blood - 5 mL Tube - Gold - SST-Serum Separator Tube

SPECIMEN(S)

SST-Serum Separator Tube

Specimen Type	SST-Serum Separator Tube
Specimen Format	Tube
Specimen Colour	Gold
Specimen Volume	5 mL
Sampling Order	2
Origin	Venous blood
Collection time after baseline	-
Transport Temperature	15-25°C
Accepted Other Specimens	Serum Lithium Heparin Plasma Sodium Heparin Plasma

	EDTA Plasma
TAT	Main Lab: 8 Hour(s) Family Site: <8hrs, <6hrs
Test Stability	Room Temp: 5 Day(s) 2–8°C: 14 Day(s)

CLINICAL INFORMATION

Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)

Methodology	-
Specimen Type	SST-Serum Separator Tube
Delay before pre-treatment	8
Transport Temperature	15-25°C
Transport Stability at room temp	5 Day
Transport Stability at 2–8°C	14 Day
Haemolysis interference	<input type="button" value="No"/>

Clinical Interest

Chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) is a tumour marker used in particular in the diagnosis, follow-up and monitoring of germ cell tumours (non-seminomatous testicular tumours and certain ovarian choriocarcinomas) as well as in gestational trophoblastic diseases (hydatidiform mole, choriocarcinoma), where hCG levels are often very high. It is used to assess response to treatment and detect recurrence at an early stage. In addition, ectopic hCG production can be observed in non-germ cell cancers such as lung, bladder, kidney or digestive cancers, often associated with an aggressive or poorly differentiated tumour phenotype. The measurement of hCG, particularly its free β subunit, is therefore a useful tool in oncology.

PATIENT INFORMATION

Clinical Information Required	-
Patient Collection Notes	-

COMMENTS & NOTES

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