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BREAST CANCER MONITORING PANEL

DESCRIPTION

The Breast Cancer Monitoring Panel can help your physician monitor breast cancer treatment and therapy.

Both the CA 15-3 and CA 27.29 are proteins that are normally produced by breast cells. In persons with breast cancer, the levels can increase. The protein amounts can rise with breast cancer tumor growth and fall with treatment.

The carcinoembryonic antigen is a protein that may be present in people with cancer, including breast cancer. The CEA Test measures the amount of this protein in your blood. CEA is normally detected in healthy adults, but at a certain range (see below Normal Range).

These three tests can also help your physician offer a more accurate prognosis (or prediction of your health).

WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

The Breast Cancer Monitoring Panel is recommended for women currently afflicted with breast cancer, who are breast cancer survivors, or have a history of breast cancer. Note: This panel does not tell you that you have breast cancer.

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?

No fasting is required.

OTHER RELEVANT LAB TESTS

You might also consider the Comprehensive Female Panel.

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