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PROLACTIN TEST

DESCRIPTION

Prolactin is a hormone that is released from the pituitary gland into the blood stream. Its function is to stimulate breast development and milk production in women. The levels of prolactin are in very small amounts in men. Normal individuals' prolactin levels vary in a 24 hour period; the levels usually rise during sleep and peak in the morning.

Women that are pregnant and breastfeeding typically have a high prolactin level as a normal physiologic response.

WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

Prolactin levels are a good measure if there is a dysfunction within your body. Symptoms that may trigger someone to check their prolactin level include nipple discharge, headaches and visual problems, infertility (male and female), impotence, possible pituitary tumor, prolactinomas and irregular or no menstrual periods.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LAB TEST RESULTS?

Test results generally take between 24 to 72 business hours after your specimen is collected.

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?

Yes. You must fast at least twelve (12) hours prior to having your specimen collected.

OTHER RELEVANT LAB TESTS

This test is usually selected as an "add on" to other tests. No extra needle sticks are necessary if performed with another blood test or panel.

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