

# DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone), Unconjugated

**CPT Code:** 82626

**Order Code:** 19894

**ABN Requirement:** No

**Alternative Name(s):** Unconjugated DHEA

**Volume:** 0.5 mL

**Minimum Volume:** 0.3 mL

**Container:** Serum red-top (no gel), Plasma EDTA (Lavender-Top) (Royal Blue-Top), Sodium or Lithium Heparin (Green-Top)

## **Collection:**

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. Do not shake.
3. Allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.
5. Aliquot serum into transport tube labeled as "Red Top Serum" and cap tightly. Discard original tube.

**Fasting:** Overnight fasting is preferred.

**Collection Instructions:** Specify age and sex on test request form.

**Transport:** Store serum at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions included with the provided shipping box.

## **Stability:**

**Ambient (15-25°C):** 6 hours

**Refrigerated (2-8°C):** 72 hours

**Frozen (-20°C):** 90 days

**Causes for Rejection:** Serum separator tube, gross hemolysis

**Methodology:** Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

**Turn Around Time:** 6 to 9 days

**Reference Range:** See Laboratory Report

**Clinical Significance:** DHEA is a weakly androgenic steroid that is useful when congenital adrenal hyperplasia is suspected. It is also useful in determining the source of androgens in hyperandrogenic conditions, such as polycystic ovarian syndrome and adrenal tumors.

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