## Estrogens, Total, Immunoassay

CPT Code: 82672 Order Code: 439 ABN Requirement: No Specimen: Serum Volume: 1.0 mL Minimum Volume: 0.6 mL Container: Gel-barrier tube (SST, Tiger Top)

## **Collection**:

## Serum:

- 1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
- 2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. Do not shake.
- 3. Let tube stand in a vertical position to allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
- 4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

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

Note: The total estrogens assay is not recommended for use in prepubertal children.

## **Stability:**

Ambient (15-25°C): 4 days Refrigerated (2-8°C): 14 days Frozen (-20°C): 60 days

**Causes for Rejection**: Specimens other than serum; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; gross hemolysis; icteric

Methodology: Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay

Turn Around Time: 5 to 8 days

**Reference Range**:

**Clinical Significance:** Estrogens are secreted by the gonads, adrenal glands, and placenta. Total estrogens provide an overall picture of estrogen status for men and women.

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