## **Progesterone in Serum and Plasma**

Method:	Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS)		
Description:	Progesterone is a C-21 <u>steroid hormone</u> involved in the <u>female menstrual</u> <u>cycle</u> , <u>pregnancy</u> and <u>embryogenesis</u> of humans and other species.  Progesterone is the major naturally occurring human progestogen.  Analysis the progesterone in human serum is useful for determining whether ovulation occurred in a menstrual cycle, assessment of placental function in pregnancy and workup of some patients with adrenal or testicular tumors		
	Progesterone in human serum are extracted by Solid Phase Extraction (SPE), separated and eluted by High Performance of Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), and determinated by Mass Spectrometry (MS) in Electrospray Ionization (ESI) source at positive ionization mode and multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) of transition. Deuterated stable isotope d9-progesterone is utilized as internal standards for the calibrations of progesterone.		

## **Collection and Performance Characteristics**

Tube type:	Preferred: SST Alternate: Plasma						
Minimum Volume:	0.5 mL						
Special Processing Considerations	None;						
Lower limit of Quantization (LOQ):							
Linear Range:	0.05 – 10 ng/mL						
Precision:	Concentration	Intra assay, RSD(%)	Inter assay, RSD(%)				
	Sub Low Level (0.085 ng/mL)	7.83	10.75				
	Low Level – 0.29ng/mL	5.76	5.31				
	Middle Level - 3.07μg/mL	5.75	5.26				
	High Level - 7.25µg/mL	9.33	8.30				
Reference Range:							