Test Methodology Change

St. Luke's Laboratory Services

Prolactin (PRL) Test Methodology Change
Effective 8/26/2011

Effective 8/26/2011, St. Luke's Laboratory will upgrade the in house Prolactin (PRL) testing. St. Luke's Laboratory is committed to a Lean, automated system, providing state of the art instrumentation and test methodologies.

Advantages to the Test Methodology Change include:

- Expanded Reportable Range: The new test methodology will produce more consistent results across a wider reportable range.
- Turn Around Time: Our patients will be better served by shorter TAT for PRL testing.

New Prolactin (PRL) Reference Ranges:

Females nonpregnant: 2.8 – 29.2 ng/mL
Females pregnant: 9.7 – 208.5 ng/mL
Females postmenopausal: 1.8 – 20.3 ng/mL
Males: 2.1 – 17.7 ng/mL

Old Prolactin (PRL) Reference Ranges:

Females 1.9 – 25 ng/mL
Males 2.5 – 17 ng/mL

If you have questions, please contact Kristin Baer, M.D. 218-249-5751, Chemistry Medical Director or Amber LaMourea, MT (ASCP) 218-249-5024, Immunology Technical Specialist.

St. Luke's Laboratory Services has developed a Web page which contains New Test Announcements.

http://www.slhduluth.com/hospital/laboratory-services/

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