



## Reference values for serum Hepcidin-25 during pregnancy

Reference ranges for serum hepcidin (nM) in specified time periods during pregnancy<sup>1</sup> as measured by weak cation exchange time-of-flight mass spectrometry (WCX-TOF MS)<sup>2,3</sup>. All values are determined using our recently developed secondary reference material for hepcidin assays, which value is assigned by a primary reference material, allowing traceability to the internationally recognized Système International<sup>4</sup>. Results for heparine plasma, EDTA plasma, citrate plasma and serum do not differ from each other.

Gestation weeks	N	Median	95 % reference range	
			P2.5	P97.5
7-15	22	2.0	< 0.5	9.1
19-25	21	< 0.5	< 0.5	7.2
29-35	16	< 0.5	< 0.5	2.5

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