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ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC RESEARCH LABORATORY

Description

The Endocrine and Metabolic Research Laboratory supports clinical and translational investigators in many aspects of research through expertise in analytical testing and development of new methods. The Endocrine and Metabolic Research Laboratory is licensed by the State of California and holds CLIA certification. The laboratory participates in CAP Proficiency Test Program. The laboratory staff has over 30 years' experience in hormones, metabolic parameters, and andrology studies. This laboratory has experience in serving as a bioanalytical laboratory and FDA audits.

Core Laboratory Resources

- Liquid Chromatographic Tandem Mass Spectrometry instruments (LC-MS/MS API 5000 and API 5500)
- Roche Cobas platform for immunoassays
- beta counters
- Spectrophotometer
- Fluorometer
- Plate reader

Services Available to All Investigators

- **Sample Analysis:** Over 30 different procedures are offered through the Endocrine and Metabolic Research Laboratory utilizing a variety of techniques including radioimmunoassay, fluoroimmunoassay, fluorometry and LC-MS/MS. A full listing of all methods can be obtained through Endocrine and Metabolic Research Laboratory, or via the UCLA CTSI web site. Semen analyses and special andrological testing are available in the Andrology laboratory.
- **Consultation Services:** The Lab Manager, Dr. Christina Wang, is available to help investigators design and initiate protocols using the most relevant procedures available and ensure that all laboratory data are reported with confidentiality and accuracy. The laboratory is networked with other CTSA Laboratories providing investigators with a wide range of testing capabilities. Dr. Christina Wang provides specialized consultation on semen analyses and centralized service for sperm morphology analyses.

Staffing

The laboratory staff is highly qualified and includes two licensed Clinical Laboratory Scientists, a senior research technologist and two research associates.

The Endocrine and Metabolic Research Laboratory works on a "fee-for-service" platform. The following table lists the analytes. Price quotes will depend on the quantity of samples. Contact Dr. Christina Wang for further information.

TEST

Insulin
Cortisol
C-peptide
LH
FSH
GH
IL6
Estrone (LC-MS/MS)
Progesterone (LC-MS/MS)
Androstenedione (LC-MS/MS)

TEST

Salivary Cortisol
DNA/extraction
Free T4
SHBG
Testosterone (RIA) (for non-human samples only)
Total Testosterone (LC-MS/MS)
Dihydrotestosterone (LC-MS/MS)
Estradiol (LC-MS/MS)
11-deoxycortisol (LC-MS/MS)
DHEA (LC-MS/MS)

Cortisol (LC-MS/MS)

17OH-Progesterone (LC-MS/MS)

Routine semen analyses

Free Testosterone by equilibrium dialysis

Any other analytes not listed, consult Lab Manager

Sperm function test (by request)

Other assays please contact Dr. Christina Wang (wang@lundquist.org) or Marianne Lajoie (mlajoie@lundquist.org)

Andrology laboratory tests and serum androgens contact Dr. Christina Wang (wang@lundquist.org)

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