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**【INTENDED USE】**

The hCG Pregnancy Enhanced Sensitivity Rapid Enhanced Sensitivity Test Cassette is a rapid chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of human chorionic gonadotropin in human urine to aid in the early detection of pregnancy.

**【PRINCIPLE】**

hCG Pregnancy Enhanced Sensitivity Rapid Test Cassette is a rapid, one-step lateral flow immunoassay for the qualitative detection of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) in urine to aid in the detection of pregnancy. The test utilizes a combination of antibodies including a monoclonal hCG antibody to selectively detect elevated levels of hCG. The assay is conducted by adding urine to the specimen well, and obtaining the result from the colored lines.

**【REAGENT】**

The test contains anti-hCG particles and anti-hCG coated on the membrane.

**【PRECAUTIONS】**

**Please read all the information in this package insert before performing the test.**

- Do not use after the expiration date printed on the foil pouch.
- Store in a dry place at 2-30 °C or 35.6-86 °F. **Do not freeze.**
- Do not use if pouch is torn or damaged.
- Keep out of the reach of children.
- For *in vitro* diagnostic use. Not to be taken internally.
- Do not open the test cassette foil pouch until you are ready to start the test.
- The used test cassette should be discarded according to local regulations.

**【STORAGE AND STABILITY】**

Store as packaged at room temperature or refrigerated (2-30 °C). The test is stable through the expiration date printed on the sealed pouch. The test must remain in the sealed pouch until use. **DO NOT FREEZE.** Do not use beyond the expiration date.

**【SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION】**

A urine specimen must be collected in a clean and dry container. A first morning urine specimen is preferred since it generally contains the highest concentration of hCG; however, urine specimens collected at any time of the day may be used. Urine specimens exhibiting visible precipitates should be centrifuged, filtered, or allowed to settle to obtain a clear specimen for testing.

Urine specimens may be stored at 2-8 °C for up to 48 hours prior to testing. For prolonged storage, specimens may be frozen and stored below -20 °C. Frozen specimens should be thawed and mixed before testing.

**【MATERIALS PROVIDED】**

- Test Cassette
- Dropper
- Package Insert

**【MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED】**

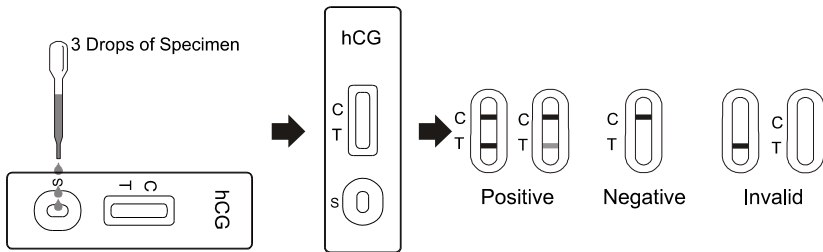
- Timer
- Specimen Collection Container

**【DIRECTIONS FOR USE】**

**Allow the test and urine specimen to reach room temperature (15-30 °C) prior to testing.**

1. Remove the test cassette from the foil pouch and use it immediately within one hour.
2. Hold the dropper vertically and transfer **3 full drops of urine** to the specimen well of the test cassette, and then start the timer. Avoid trapping air bubbles in the specimen well. See the illustration below.
3. As the test cassette begins to work, you may notice a light colored flow moving across the test line region (T) and control line region (C) on the test cassette.

**Read the result at 3 minutes.** If no colored line appears, wait 1 minute longer. Some positive results may be observed in 1 minute or less depending on the concentration of hCG. Do not read the result after 10 minutes.



**【READING THE RESULTS】**

**POSITIVE:** Two colored lines appear. One colored line should be in the control line region (C) and another colored line should be in the test line region (T). One line may be lighter than the other; they do not have to match. This means that you are probably pregnant.

**NEGATIVE:** One colored line appears in the control line region (C). No line appears in the test line region (T). This means that you are probably not pregnant.

**INVALID:** The result is invalid if no colored line appears in the control line region (C), even if a line appears in the test line region (T). You should repeat the test with a new test cassette.

**【CONTROL PROCEDURE】**

A procedural control is included in the test. A colored line appearing in the control line region (C) is considered an internal procedural control. It confirms sufficient specimen volume and correct procedural technique.

**【LIMITATIONS】**

There is the possibility that this test may produce false results. Consult your physician before making any medical decisions.

1. Drugs which contain hCG (such as Pregnyl, Profasi, Pergonal, APL) can give a false positive result. Alcohol, oral contraceptives, painkillers, antibiotics or

hormone therapies that do not contain hCG should not affect the test result.

- Very dilute urine specimens, as indicated by a low specific gravity, may not contain representative levels of hCG. If pregnancy is still suspected, a first morning urine specimen should be collected 48 hours later and tested.
- Very low levels of hCG (less than 50 mIU/mL) are present in urine specimens shortly after implantation. However, because a significant number of first trimester pregnancies terminate for natural reasons,<sup>1</sup> a test result that is weakly positive should be confirmed by retesting with a first morning urine specimen collected 48 hours later.
- This test may produce false positive results. A number of conditions other than pregnancy, including trophoblastic disease and certain non-trophoblastic neoplasms including testicular tumors, prostate cancer, breast cancer, and lung cancer, cause elevated levels of hCG.<sup>2,3</sup> Therefore, the presence of hCG in urine should not be used to diagnose pregnancy unless these conditions have been ruled out.
- This test may produce false negative results. False negative results may occur when the levels of hCG are below the sensitivity level of the test. When pregnancy is still suspected, a first morning urine specimen should be collected 48 hours later and tested. In case pregnancy is suspected and the test continues to produce negative results, see a physician for further diagnosis.
- This test provides a presumptive diagnosis for pregnancy. A confirmed pregnancy diagnosis should only be made by a physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.

**【EXTRA INFORMATION】**

**1. How does the test cassette work?**

hCG Pregnancy Enhanced Sensitivity Rapid Test Cassette detects a hormone in your urine that your body produces during pregnancy (hCG-human chorionic gonadotropin). The amount of pregnancy hormone increases as pregnancy progresses.

**2. How soon after I suspect that I am pregnant can I take the test?**

The Test is designed to detect hCG as early as 6 days before your missed period (5 days before day of the expected period). You can perform the test anytime of the day; however, if you are pregnant, first morning urine contains the most pregnancy hormone.

**3. Do I have to test with first morning urine?**

Although you can test at any time of the day, your first morning urine is usually the most concentrated of the day and would have the most hCG in it.

**4. How accurate is the test?**

A clinical evaluation was conducted comparing the results obtained using the hCG Pregnancy Rapid Test Cassette to another commercially available urine hCG test. The consumer clinical trial included 608 urine specimens: both assays identified 231 positive and 377 negative results. The results demonstrated >99% overall accuracy of the hCG Pregnancy Enhanced Sensitivity Rapid Test Cassette when compared to the other urine hCG test.

**5. How sensitive is the test?**

HCG Pregnancy Enhanced Sensitivity Rapid Test Cassette detects hCG in urine at a concentration of 10 mIU/mL or greater. The test has been standardized to the W.H.O. International Standard. The addition of LH (300 mIU/mL), FSH (1,000 mIU/mL), and TSH (1,000  $\mu$ IU/mL) to negative (0 mIU/mL hCG) and positive (10 mIU/mL hCG) specimens showed no cross-reactivity.

**6. What should I do if the result shows that I am pregnant?**

It means that your urine contains hCG and you are probably pregnant. See your doctor to confirm that you are pregnant and to discuss the steps you should take.

**7. How do I know that the test was run properly?**

The appearance of a colored line in the control line region (C) tells you that you followed the test procedure properly and the proper amount of urine was absorbed.

**8. What should I do if the result shows that I am not pregnant?**

It means that no hCG has been detected in your urine and probably you are not pregnant. If you do not start your period within a week of its due date, repeat the test with a new test. If you receive the same result after repeating the test and you still do not get your period, you should see your doctor.

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|  | Consult instructions for use or consult electronic instructions for use |  | Contains sufficient for <n> tests |  | Temperature limit |
|  | In vitro diagnostic medical device                                      |  | Batch code                        |  | Catalogue number  |
|  | Authorized representative in the European Community/European Union      |  | Use-by date                       |  | Do not re-use     |
|  | Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use       |  | Manufacturer                      |  | Caution           |



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