



FETAL
FIBRONECTIN

Orderable - FETFIB

Turn Around Time: 4 hours

STAT: 45 minutes

Alternate Name(s):

fFN

Specimen:

Cervicovaginal swab using the Adeza Biomedical specimen collection kit.

Collection Information:

Swab must be sent to the Core Lab in the specimen transport tube supplied with the sample collection kit.

Unacceptable Samples include: If sample is received in a Non-Adeza collection tube, insufficient buffer volume, >3 days from collection and not frozen.

Reference Ranges:

Negative or Positive

Interpretive Comments:

Positive during second and third trimesters suggests twofold to fourfold higher risk for preterm delivery.

Positive interference from semen has not been ruled out. Specimens should not be collected less than 24 hours after intercourse. Negative fFN results would be valid.

Assay interference from the following components has not been ruled out: douches, white blood cells, red blood cells, bacteria, and bilirubin.

The presence of infections has not been ruled out as a confounding factor to risk of preterm delivery.



Laboratory:
Core Lab



Requisition:
GENERAL LABORATORY
REQUISITION



Method of Analysis:
Rapid fFN Cassette Kit



Test Schedule:
As required



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Specimens should be obtained prior to digital examination or manipulation of the cervix. Manipulations of the cervix may lead to false positive results.

Comments:

Patients with suspected or known placental abruption, placenta previa, or moderate or gross vaginal bleeding should not be tested.