





Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Orderable - PSAF

Turnaround Time: 4 hours

Alternate Name(s):

fPSA PSA F Free PSA



Laboratory: Core Lab





Requisition:

GENERAL LABORATORY REQUISITION

Adult

4.5 mL Light Green top (Li-Heparin) Vacutainer tube

Red, Gold, or Lavender (EDTA) top tubes are also acceptable



Method of Analysis:

Roche Electrochemiluminescence

Collection Information:

Minimum volume of plasma or serum required is 700 μL for adult samples samples.



Test Schedule: As required

Reference Ranges:

free PSA (µg/L): no reference interval available

free PSA ratio: The probability of prostate cancer (PCA) is inversely related to the ratio and varies with age. When the total PSA is 4-10 μ g/L and the free PSA ratio is \leq 0.10, the probability of PCA is 49-65%. When the total PSA is 4-10 μ g/L and the free PSA ratio is \geq 0.26, the probability of PCA is 9-16%.

Interpretive Comments:

If the total PSA result is in the range of $4 - 10 \mu g/L$, a free PSA result could be of value in estimating the risk of prostate cancer in a patient with no previous diagnosis.