

Female QuickStart Guide

This guide will help you understand how to read the DUTCH Test using the most common workflow of DUTCH experts. This first page orients you to the types of graphics seen on the report.



DUTCH Sliders

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Page 1 of the report Female Hormone Testing Summary

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Estrogen & Progesterone dials

Shows the female reproductive cycle hormones Estradiol and Progesterone (Serum Equivalent). The green area indicates the optimal range for the Luteal phase and the purple indicates postmenopausal range.

Estradiol

The most potent estrogen.

Progesterone

The progesterone DUTCH Dial reports the **Progesterone Serum Equivalent**. This is a calculated value based on urinary pregnanediol from DUTCH published validation studies. Page 3 shows the two urinary pregnanediol levels.

For cycling females in the Luteal phase, the Estradiol and Progesterone Serum Equivalent dials can be easily compared on this summary page to assess relative balance.

Androgens

Summarizes the most clinically relevant androgen analytes. The green area indicates the optimal premenopausal range and the purple indicates the postmenopausal range.

Testosterone

Reflects the bioavailable conjugated testosterone excreted in urine. For most patients, this result will parallel serum free testosterone.

NOTE: If testosterone is very low on the DUTCH Test, test serum testosterone if considering treatment. This is because a genetic deletion polymorphism (UGT2B17) in some patients may cause very low levels of testosterone in urine while levels may be normal in serum.

(5a-Androstanediol)

Reflects intracellular production of DHT, the most potent androgen.

(Total DHEA Production)

5 Cortisol Summary

Cortisol

Free Cortisol best reflects tissue levels. It is reported in two ways:

- Daily Free Cortisol Pattern shows the patient's diurnal cortisol rhythm.
- **24hr Free Cortisol** sums the 4 points from the Daily Free Cortisol Pattern. Free Cortisol best reflects tissue levels.

Cortisol Clearance Rate compares free cortisol to metabolized cortisol which can help identify if metabolic health may be negatively impacting cortisol levels.

Metabolized Cortisol is the sum of metabolized cortisol (THF) and cortisone (THE). This best reflects total cortisol production.

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Progesterone

A key reproductive hormone that, when in the Luteal phase, indicates ovulation occurred.

(Progesterone)

The "Progesterone" dial shows the weighted average of the two urinary progesterone analytes, a & b-Pregnanediol.

(b-Pregnanediol)

The beta pathway represents the most prominent metabolite in progesterone metabolism. Doesn't modulate GABA receptors.

(a-Pregnanediol)

The alpha pathway can assess the production of GABA neurosteroids, which can impact mood and sleep.

Primary Estrogens

(Estrone (E1))

A weak estrogen. Can convert to estradiol.

(Estradiol (E2)

Most potent estrogen. Estrogen symptoms are most likely associated with E2 levels.

(Estriol (E3)

A weak estrogen. Phase I metabolite of estradiol that can convert to 16-OH-E1.

Phase 1 Estrogen Metabolism

2-OH-E1

2-OH-E1 is the most prominent estrogen metabolism pathway. 2-OH metabolite is stable with little-to-no estrogen receptor activity.

16-OH

16-OH is an estrogenic phase 1 metabolite. **2-OH/16-OH-E1** balance slider shows 2-OH-E1 relative to **16-OH-E1**. As the arrow moves to the left side of the slider, more 16-OH is present relative to 2-OH.

(4-OH)

4-OH is an oxidative metabolite. **2-OH/4-OH-E1** balance slider shows 2-OH-E1 relative to **4-OH-E1**. As the arrow moves to the left side of the slider, more 4-OH is present relative to 2-OH.

The Pie Chart shows the three metabolites and their relative levels.

Phase 2 Estrogen Methylation

2-OH-E1

- The Methylation Activity slider bar shows the ratio
 2-Methoxy/2-OH-E1. 2- Methoxy-E1 is a neutral, stable metabolite that is easily excreted from the body.
- The patient's result is shown by the black arrow. When results are to the left it indicates lower than average methylation activity, to the right indicates higher than average activity.

Androgens

DHEA-S

Inactive androgen precursor made by adrenal glands.

Testosterone)

In urine is the bioavailable fraction.

REMINDER: If urine testosterone is low, consider confirming with serum testing.

Androsterone and 5a-Androstanediol

- Androgens converted down the 5a-reductase pathway such as Androsterone and 5a-Androstanediol are formed in target tissues, reflecting active androgens.
- Androsterone is a 5a metabolite, mostly from adrenal DHEA.
- Sa-Androstanediol is the 5a metabolite that is made in the target tissues from the body's most potent androgen, 5a-DHT.
- Etiocholanolone and **5b-Androstanediol** are 5b-reductase metabolites which are inactive.

5a-Reductase

The 5a-Reductase slider shows Androsterone (5a) / Etiocholanolone (5b) ratio. Results on the left indicate relatively more inactive 5b metabolites. To the right indicates more active 5a metabolites, which typically indicates a higher potential for high androgen symptoms.

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Daily Free Cortisol Pattern

Free cortisol measured from the individual urine samples taken throughout the day.

- The reference range is shown in the shaded area behind the patient's results, which are shown by the dark line.
- The first value reported (Waking A) represents the overnight period. The second value (Morning B) is the peak. Urine samples reflect cortisol levels in the hours before the sample was collected.
- Review The Daily Free Cortisone Pattern: Cortisone is a "shadow" of cortisol. It is made in the kidney and saliva gland from circulating free cortisol. It can provide additional insight into tissue cortisol levels.

24hr Free Cortisol

The 24hr Free Cortisol dial shows a sum of the 4 points on the Daily Free Cortisol Pattern.

This dial shows overall cortisol exposure throughout the day.
Review The 24hr Free Cortisone dial, which can provide additional insight into overall tissue cortisol levels.

Cortisol Metabolism

Metabolized Cortisol

Cortisol and cortisone are metabolized in the body into a-THF, b-THF, and b-THE. The sum of these can give additional insight into total adrenal cortisol output for the day.

(Cortisol Clearance Rate

The ratio of THF + THE / Cortisol + Cortisone. This can help assess the rate at which cortisol is cleared from the body. Results on the left indicate slower cortisol clearance, and on the right indicate faster cortisol clearance.

(Systemic Preference)

Calculated from cortisol metabolites. If **THE** dominates in the urine, cortisone is favored over cortisol systemically. If **THF** dominates in the urine, cortisol is favored over cortisone systemically.

4 Total DHEA Production

Total DHEA is the sum of three urinary DHEA metabolites, DHEA-S, etiocholanolone, and androsterone.

 Total DHEA shows the total androgen production from the adrenal glands.

5 Melatonin

Waking urinary 6-OH-Melatonin-Sulfate captures overnight melatonin production.

 Oral melatonin taken the night before the waking sample typically results in extremely high results that do not match actual circulating melatonin. The result is not clinically useful in those cases.

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Read carefully, as each item on this page is first listed with the nutrient it assesses and how to interpret.



patient-specific result comments and any pertinent comments from the lab.

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