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Pregnancy Testing Using Urine and Blood Specimens

Description

The dual energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scan is performed on survey participants 8+ years of age. The scan involves radiation exposure to the whole body. Pregnant women are excluded from the DXA procedure. Initially, a urine pregnancy test is performed. If the urine test results were positive, for pregnancy, a serum pregnancy test was also performed.

Eligible Sample

A pregnancy test is completed on female participants aged 12-59 years and menstruating females aged 8-11 years.

Exclusion Criteria

None

Specimen Collection

Detailed specimen collection and processing instructions are discussed in the NHANES Laboratory/Medical Technologists Procedures Manual (LPM). Each chapter in the LPM specifies the procedure to be used for preparation of the participant, specimen collection, labeling, processing, and preservation, and conditions for specimen transport that are appropriate for that method.

