Cystatin C (in serum)



Kidney

Cystatin C has the highest diagnostic sensitivity for the determination of reduced glomerular filtration

Cystatin C is a low molecular protein, which is continuously developed in all somatic cells. It is filtered by healthy kidneys and tubular reabsorption. For this reason cystatin C serum concentrations depend exclusively on the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) of the kidneys.

As the creatinine value only increases if glomerular filtration rates are reduced by 50 %, Cystatin C is a sensitive marker for subclinical renal dysfunction in this sector. Moderate GFR restrictions can already be detected in the creatinine blind range between 40 and 80 ml/min.

Advantage of Cystatin C

- It is not influenced by
- muscular mass or
- nutrition (protein consumption),
- inflammations (exception: auto-immune and consuming diseases)
- no urine collection required

Indications:

- renal dysfunction screening
- follow-up of acute and chronic renal diseases
- follow-up after kidney transplantation and haemodialysis
- diabetes type II sensitive detection of neph ropathy
- adaptation of the cytostatic dose cytostatic agents, which are subject to renal elimination
- early detection of pre-eclampsia

Cave:

Methylprednisolone increases the cystatin C level Cyclosporine reduces the cystatin C level Heavy smoking alters the cystatin C level

Normal range: 0,47 - 1,09 mg/l

After the age of one year the reference values are independent of the patient's age and sex. The GFR is calculated based on the actual cystatin C concentration with Grubb's formula.

GFR (ml/min based on a body surface of 1.732) = (84.69/cystatin-C(mg/l) ^1.69)*1.384. For children under the age of 14 it is multiplied by 1.384.



is mostly needed in ml/min. Retrograde calculation based on ml/min based on a body surface of 1.732 (ml/min./1.73 m2) the following formula applies:

GFR/ECC ml/min. = (GFR/ECC in ml/min./1.73 m2* body surface)/1.73.

The calculation of the body surface is carried out at ZEKCh according to the formula of Duihois&Duhois.

Do you other questions? Please call us! We gladly provide additional information.

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