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# Hormone Testing

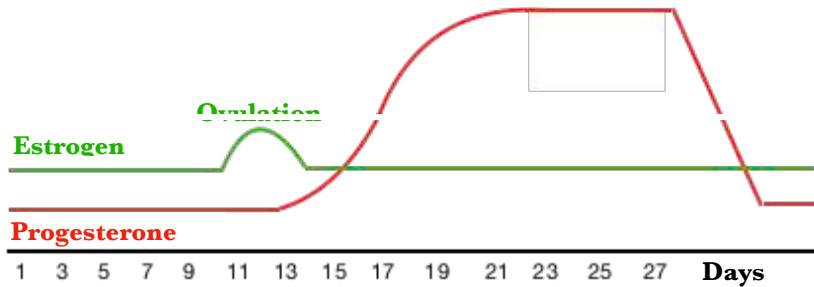
**Feel Your Best All Day and Sleep at Night**

**Estrogen (Estradiol)** - Supports ovulation and maintains a healthy body.

**Progesterone** - Thickens the uterine lining the second half of the cycle. This is important in maintaining the signaling from the Pituitary Gland to the Ovaries.

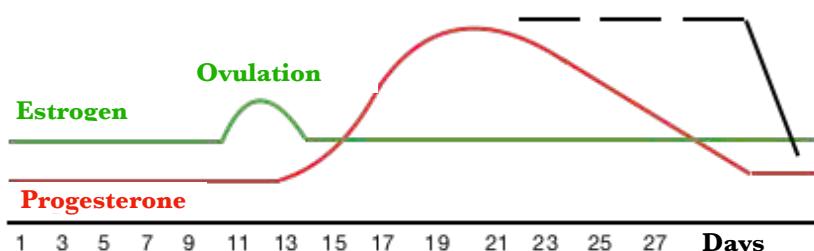
**Eleven saliva samples** are taken from Day 1 of the cycle map to Day 1 of the next cycle. This gives us a complete map of your progesterone output, estrogen levels, and when ovulation occurs.

**Normal 28 Day Hormone Cycle** **Progesterone elevates after ovulation and stays at this level until the next cycle starts.**



## Abnormal Hormone Cycle

**Progesterone dropping after day 20 stresses the Adrenal Glands. This can lead to weight gain, poor sleep, heavy bleeding, depression, insomnia, and PMS.**



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### **Resources for supporting female hormone balance.**

Comparison of blood spot, salivary and serum progesterone assays in the normal menstrual cycle.

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**Saliva Testing and other lab work done at this office is considered nutritional testing by most, if not all insurance companies. There is typically no reimbursement for this type of testing. Anthem and Medicare specifically will not pay for laboratory testing done at this office.**

**Dr. McGuckin is a licensed chiropractic physician who uses diet and nutritional support to help your body repair. Dr. McGuckin works with your current doctor(s), and does not intend to be a replacement for your primary care physician. Dr. McGuckin requires all patients to have a primary care physician to cover emergencies and routine care.**

**Testing and nutritional supplement recommendations are not a substitute for, or in place of, any medications or recommendations made by your medical doctor(s) or other licensed healthcare professionals, and that no medications should be discontinued or initiated without the advice of your medical doctor or other healthcare provider(s) you are seeing.**