

IRON STUDIES, SERUM

(Spectrophotometry)

Iron	-	ug/dL	
Total Iron Binding Capacity	-	ug/dL	(250.00-425.00)
Transferrin Saturation	-	%	

Iron is an essential trace mineral element which forms an important component of hemoglobin, metallocompounds and Vitamin A. Deficiency of iron, leads to microcytic hypochromic anemia. The toxic effects of iron are deposition of iron in various organs of the body and hemochromatosis.

Total Iron Binding capacity (TIBC) is a direct measure of the protein Transferrin which transports iron from the gut to storage sites in the bone marrow. In iron deficiency anemia, serum iron is reduced and TIBC increases.

Transferrin Saturation occurs in Idiopathic hemochromatosis and Transfusional hemosiderosis where no unsaturated iron binding capacity is available for iron mobilization. Similar condition is seen in congenital deficiency of Transferrin.