

# BETA-HCG TESTING: WHAT CAN GO WRONG?

**Summary: "You're pregnant or you're not...not a lot of sophistication has to go into the interpretation of that test." -- Elizabeth Holmes, Theranos, The New Yorker December 14 ,2014. Is HCG really that simple? We'll go back to the basics and look at both common and less common pitfalls in this very common test. When does a pregnancy test go positive? Should you test urine or serum? What can cause a false positive? Or a false negative?**