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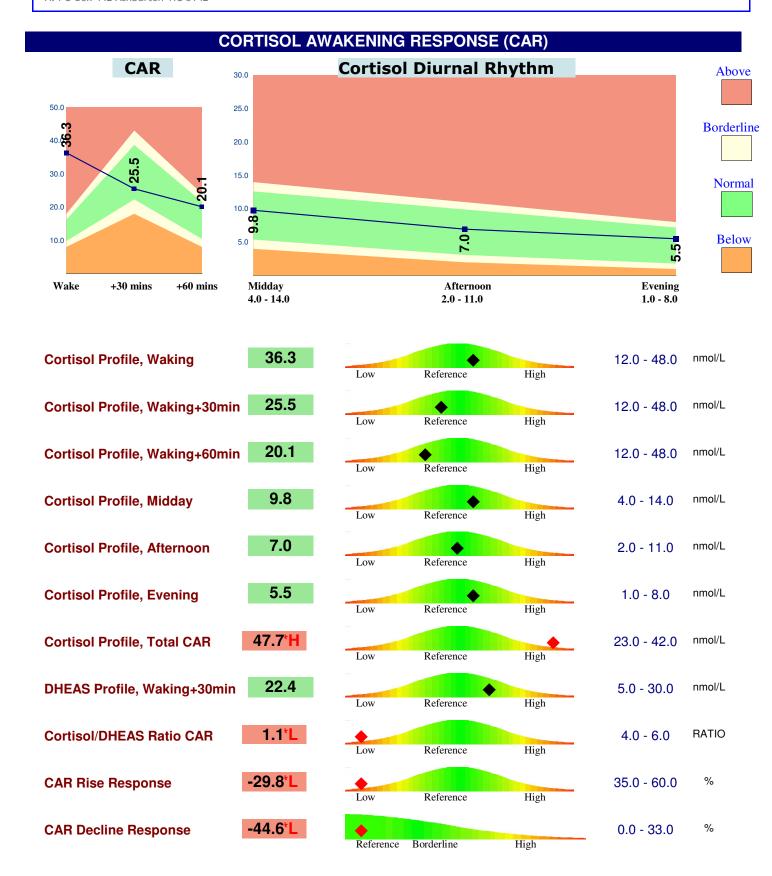
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# **CAR Comments**

#### CORTISOL AWAKENING RESPONSE:

The cortisol awakening response (CAR) test is a transient, immediate rise in cortisol upon awakening and is distinct from the diurnal rhythm. In a normal individual without significant stressors, cortisol is highest in the morning shortly after awakening, rises by up to 60% roughly 30 minutes after awakening, then steadily drops throughout the day, reaching the lowest level during sleep in the very early morning about 2 am. A loss of the expected curve with its characteristic morning peak and steady decline towards evening may suggest HPA axis dysfunction.

## CAR RISE RESPONSE IS LOW:

The rise in Cortisol from waking to 30 minutes post-waking is low. This indicates possible adrenal insufficiency/exhaustion.

## CAR DECLINE RESPONSE WITHIN NORMAL RANGE:

The decline in Cortisol from waking to 60 minutes post-waking is within normal range.

This is consistent with normal Cortisol production/metabolism.

## MIDDAY CORTISOL LEVEL IS WITHIN RANGE:

Midday Cortisol level is adequate and within range.

## LATE AFTERNOON CORTISOL LEVEL IS WITHIN RANGE:

Late afternoon cortisol level is adequate and within range.

## EVENING CORTISOL LEVEL WITHIN RANGE:

Saliva evening cortisol level is normal and within range.