

## Cytomegalovirus (CMV) IgM

Specific CMV IgM assay is useful in distinguishing individuals who have acquired the infection recently from those who have not. Further information may be gained from IgG avidity testing where IgM is.

### General information

**Collection container (including preservatives):** 6mL clotted blood tube

**Specimen type:** Venous Blood

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**Specimen transport:** No special needs

**Minimum volume of sample:** 2 mL

**Special precautions:** If processing is delayed, refrigeration is preferable to storage at ambient temperature. Delays of over 48hr are undesirable.

### Laboratory information

**Measurement units:** Not applicable

**Biological reference units:** Not applicable

**Turnaround time for provisional result (working days):** 3 days

**Turnaround time to final result (working days):** 4 days

### Clinical information

**Clinical decision points:** Not applicable

**Factors known to significantly affect the results:** Haemolysis

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