

## Syphilis (*Treponema pallidum*) screen

### General information

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

**Specimen type:** Venous Blood , CSF, Viterous tap

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**Specimen transport:** Ambient temperature via porter, courier, Royal Mail or DX compliant with IATA packing instruction 650

**Minimum volume of sample:** 2 mL

**Special precautions:** All samples are suitable for overnight refrigeration only, they must not be stored over a weekend

### Laboratory information

**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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