

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Immunology

Avian precipitins

General information

These tests detect the presence of IgG antibodies to pigeon and budgerigar.

Specimen transport: At room temperature

Repeat frequency: On appearance of new symptoms

Special precautions: None

Laboratory information

Normal reference range: Pigeon 0 - 38 mg/L, Budgie 0 - 8 mg/L

Volume and sample type: 4ml serum

Method: FEIA (Fluoroenzyme immunoassay)

Turnaround time (calendar days from sample receipt to authorised result): Median – 4

Participation in EQA Scheme: UK NEQAS for FUNGAL and RELATED ANTIGENS

Clinical information

Indications for the test: Respiratory symptoms associated with avian exposure

Factors affecting the test: Positive results are seen in some healthy individuals exposed to birds.

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