

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 reactive.

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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