

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Virology

Lyme IgG, IgM

General information

Collection container (including preservatives):

6mL clotted blood tube
CE marked leak proof container

Specimen type: Venous Blood (sera or plasma); CSF is also accepted - this will be sent to the referral laboratory

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

Send to lab immediately for same day testing, delays are not desirable. If not sent immediately or transport delay expected - store at 2-8°C, testing must be done within 6 days.

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: Index

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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