

TEST:	Infectious Mononucleosis IM Serology
Synonym:	Heterophile Antibody Assay
Laboratory/Phone:	443-681-3938/3931
Turnaround Time:	5 days
Specimen Required:	Serum
Specimen identification:	Label tube with patients first and last name
Specimen Volume (Optimum):	2 ml.
Specimen Volume (Minimum):	1 ml.
Collect:	Red-top vacutainer
Form:	DHMH 4677
Packaging and Shipping:	See packaging for transport instructions in Guide
Transport Conditions:	Ambient temperature for specimens on the blood clot, separated serum at 2-8°C (refrigerated) or -20°C (frozen).
Specimen Rejection Criteria:	Hemolysis; insufficient volume, specimen collected > 5 days prior to arrival without being stored frozen
Availability:	Monday through Friday
Results and Interpretation:	POSITIVE—Infectious Mono heterophile antibody detected NEGATIVE—Infectious Mono heterophile antibody not detected
Reference Range:	Negative
Additional Information:	Further EBV testing can aid in the clinical diagnosis
Purpose of Test:	Detect antibody in patients with infectious mononucleosis
Method:	Slide agglutination
Interfering Substances:	Icteric, hemolysis, lipemia
Testing Site:	DHMH Laboratories Administration, Central Laboratory 1770 Ashland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205
Comment:	May not detect a recent infection, or infection in a person with a severely compromised immune system.
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