

Heparin Dependent Antibody (PF4IGG, PF4IGR & HDA) Sample Requirements Change

Currently, ACL's specimen collection requirements for PF4 Heparin associated antibodies identify refrigerated and frozen stability times. Specimens that cannot be tested immediately should be frozen within 1 hour of collection for best results. Therefore, any sample not drawn at the laboratory testing site needs to be processed and transported frozen.

Effective Wednesday, June 19, 2019, the temperature designation on the aliquot label will change from "R" - refrigerated to "F" - frozen to reflect the processing requirements of transported specimens. ACL's Directory of Service will be revised to clearly emphasize the specimen collection requirements.

New Syphilis Total Antibody Assay (Test Order Code SYPT)

Effective Wednesday, June 19, 2019, ACL Laboratories will convert to a new Syphilis Total Antibody IgG and IgM assay (Test Order Code SYPT). This assay replaces the IgG only syphilis assay currently offered (Test Order Code SYPIGG). The new syphilis total antibody assay is a multiplex flow immunoassay intended for the qualitative detection of total (IgG/IgM) antibodies. The test should be used in conjunction with other laboratory tests and clinical findings to aid in diagnosing a syphilis infection. ACL's syphilis testing algorithms will not change. Please see ACL's Directory of Service for further details on the traditional and reverse syphilis algorithms.

All sample collection requirements will remain the same, as well as the test performance (24 hour turnaround time).

Specimen Requirements

Collect: One gold gel 5.0 mL (also acceptable: plain red 6.0 mL)
Separate serum from cells ASAP.

Transport: 1.0 mL (min: 0.5 mL) serum refrigerated

Unacceptable Conditions: Hemolyzed specimen.
Plasma samples.
Lipemic samples.
Other body fluids.

Stability: Refrigerated: 7 Days / Frozen: 14 Days

For additional information regarding these tests, as well as specimen collection requirements, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016 or visit our website at www.acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/.