

Overview

Useful For

Demonstrating in vivo coating of red blood cells with IgG or the complement component C3d in the following settings:

- Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- Hemolytic transfusion reactions
- Drug-induced hemolytic anemia

Testing Algorithm

When the direct antiglobulin test (DAT) result is positive, the DAT test will be interpreted as "Invalid – See addl testing" and the polyspecific DAT test will be performed.

When polyspecific DAT result is positive, then DAT complement 3 and DAT IgG tests will be performed at an additional charge.

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
DATR	Direct Antiglobulin Tst (Poly)	No	No
DC3TR	Direct Antiglobulin Test (C3)	No	No
DIGTR	Direct Antiglobulin Test (IgG)	No	No

Method Name

Hemagglutination

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Whole Blood EDTA

Shipping Instructions

Specimen must arrive within 48 hours of collection.

Specimen Required

Container/Tube: Pink top (EDTA)

Specimen Volume: 6 mL

Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis OK

Specimen Minimum Volume

3 mL; Neonates: EDTA Micro tube 0.5 mL

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Whole Blood EDTA	Ambient (preferred)		
	Refrigerated		

Clinical & Interpretive**Clinical Information**

IgG antibody or complement components secondary to the action of IgM antibody may be present on the patient's own red blood cells (RBC) or on transfused RBC.

Reference Values

Negative

Interpretation

Negative: No IgG antibody or complement (C3d) detected on the surface of the red cell.

Positive: Test polyspecific direct antiglobulin testing will be ordered and performed.

Cautions

Autoimmune hemolytic anemia can occasionally occur with a negative direct antiglobulin test.

The direct antiglobulin test can be positive in some apparently healthy individuals.

Clinical Reference

Fung MK, Eder AF, Spitalnik SL, Westhoff CM: Technical Manual. 19th ed. AABB; 2017

Performance**Method Description**

Antihuman globulin reacts with red blood cell-bound immunoglobulins to produce agglutination.(Fung MK, Eder AF, Spitalnik SL, Westhoff CM: Technical Manual. 19th ed. AABB; 2017)

PDF Report

No

Specimen Retention Time

14 days

Performing Laboratory Location

Rochester

Fees & Codes**Test Classification**

This test has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

CPT Code Information

86880

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
DCTR	Direct Antiglobulin Test (Poly)	1007-4

Result ID	Reporting Name	LOINC®
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