

# **Reporting Title:** Filaria Antibody (IgG4) **Performing Location:** Quest Diagnostics

### **Specimen Requirements:**

Specimen Type: Serum Container/Tube: Red or SST Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL

### **Collection Instructions:**

- 1. Draw blood in a plain red-top tube(s), serum gel tube(s) is acceptable.
- 2. Centrifuge and send 0.5 mL serum refrigerated in a plastic vial.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Ambient	7 days	
	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Frozen	30 days	

### Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Туре	Unit	LOINC®
FFAG4	Filaria Antibody (IgG4)	Alphanumeric		14208-3

LOINC<sup>®</sup> and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

#### Supplemental Report:

No

### **CPT Code Information:**

86682

## Reference Values:

Reference Range: <2.50 index

Interpretive Criteria:

<2.50	Negative
>=2.50	Positive

This assay detects Filaria IgG4 associated with infections caused by the major filarial parasites, including Dirofilaria immitis, Wuchereria brancrofti, Brugia malayi, and Onchocerca volvulus.

Chronic filarial infections manifesting as elephantiasis may not show a significant IgG4 response and cannot be ruled out using this test. Samples containing antibodies to other nematodes,

particularly Strongyloides, may cross-react in the assay.