

Test Definition: TPPA

Syphilis Antibody, Treponema pallidum
Particle Agglutination, Serum

Reporting Title: Syphilis Ab by TP-PA, S
Performing Location: Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Superior Drive

Ordering Guidance:
This assay is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for sera testing positive by a screening treponemal assay and negative by rapid plasma reagin (RPR). The results of this assay assist in determining whether the results of a screening treponemal test are truly or falsely positive.

For prenatal syphilis screening, the syphilis IgG test (SYPH1 / Syphilis IgG with Reflex, Enzyme Immunoassay, Serum) is recommended. Testing for IgM-class antibodies to *T pallidum* should not be performed during routine pregnancy screening.

Specimen Requirements:
Supplies: Sarstedt Aliquot Tube 5 mL (T914)
Collection Container/Tube:
Preferred: Serum gel
Acceptable: Red top
Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial
Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL
Collection Instructions: Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

Forms:
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send [Infectious Disease Serology Test Request](#) (T916) with the specimen.

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

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
61480	Syphilis Ab by TP-PA, S	Alphanumeric		24312-1

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:
No

CPT Code Information:
86780

Reference Values:

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Negative