

# **TEST STATUS - DOWN**

Notification Date: July 24, 2024 Effective Date: Immediately

# Ehrlichia/Babesia Antibody Panel, Immunofluorescence, Serum

Test ID: EHBAP

**Explanation:** Due a *babesia* reagent issue, *Ehrlichia/Babesia* Antibody Panel, Immunofluorescence, Serum will become non-orderable effective immediately. There is no 1:1 *Babesia* antibody referral test available through Mayo Clinic Laboratories during this test down. For acute detection of suspected babesiosis, please consider molecular testing. Panel test can be completed using a combination of the recommended alternatives below. An update will be provided when testing resumes.

# **Recommended Alternative Test:**

# Babesia species, Molecular Detection, PCR, Blood

Test ID: BABPB

**Methods:** 

Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)/DNA Probe Hybridization

**Reference Values:** 

Negative (Reference values apply to all ages)

**Specimen Requirements:** 

Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA)

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

**Collection Instructions:** Send whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.** 

Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL

## Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Whole Blood EDTA	Refrigerated	7 days

#### **CPT Code:**

87798 x2 87469

87999 (if appropriate for government payers)

Day(s) Performed: Monday through Saturday Report Available: 1 to 4 days

# **Ehrlichia Antibody Panel, Serum**

Test ID: EHRCP

#### **Profile Information:**

Test ID	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
ANAP	Anaplasma phagocytophilum Ab, IgG,S	Yes	Yes
EHRC	Ehrlichia Chaffeensis (HME) Ab, IgG	Yes	Yes

#### Methods:

Immunofluorescence Assay (IFA)

## **Reference Values:**

ANAPLASMA PHAGOCYTOPHILUM

<1:64

Reference values apply to all ages.

# **EHRLICHIA CHAFFEENSIS**

<1:64

Reference values apply to all ages.

# **Specimen Requirements:**

**Preferred:** Serum gel

Acceptable: Red top

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL

Specimen Minimum Volume: 0.4 mL

# **Specimen Stability Information:**

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

#### **CPT Code:**

86666 x 2

Day(s) Performed: Monday through Friday Report Available: 1 to 3 days

#### Questions

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