

T-Helper Cell Type 1 Cytokine Panel, Plasma

Test ID: CYTH1

Useful for:

Assessment of plasma cytokine levels to understand the etiology of autoimmune and proinflammatory conditions when used in conjunction with clinical information and other laboratory testing

Methods:

Bead-Based Multiplex Immunoassay

Reference Values:

TNF: <10.0 pg/mL IFN-gamma: <60.0 pg/mL IL-2: <60.0 pg/mL IL-2 receptor alpha soluble: < or =959 pg/mL IL-12p70: <200 pg/mL

Specimen Requirements:

Supplies:	Sarstedt Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T914)	
Collection Container/Tube:	Lavender top (EDTA)	
Submission Container/Tube:	Plastic vial	
Specimen Volume:	0.5 mL	
Collection Instructions:	 Immediately after specimen collection, place the tube on wet ice. Within 2 hours of collection, centrifuge at 4 degrees C, 1500 x g for 10 minutes and aliquot plasma into a plastic vial Freeze immediately. 	
Minimum Volume:	0.3 mL	
Additional Information:	 Plasma for this test cannot be shared with other tests. Submit specimen for this test in its own vial. This test cannot be added on to a previously collected specimen. 	

Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Plasma EDTA	Frozen	21 days

Cautions:

Results from cytokine testing should not be used to establish or exclude a specific diagnosis.

Cytokine testing should only be used in conjunction with clinical information and other laboratory testing as part of a patient's overall assessment.

Normal concentrations of cytokines do not exclude the possibility of infection or other inflammatory condition.

Cytokine concentrations could be affected by immunomodulatory agents.

CPT Code: 83520 x 5

Day(s) Performed: Thursday

Report Available: 2 to 8 days