

Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase (GAD65) Antibody Assay, Spinal Fluid

Test ID: GD65C

Explanation:

On the effective date this test will become non-orderable individually and will only be available within an evaluation. In its place, ordering a comprehensive neurological phenotype-specific autoimmune/paraneoplastic evaluation (e.g., encephalopathy, movement disorders, myelopathy, axonal neuropathy, etc.) should be considered as comprehensive testing is more useful than selective antibody testing.

A recommended alternative, based on patient presentation, is noted below. Additional alternatives may be required depending on patient phenotype. Consult our [autoimmune neurology test menu](#) for more details.

Recommended Alternative Test:

Encephalopathy, Autoimmune/Paraneoplastic Evaluation, Spinal Fluid

Test ID: ENC2

Useful For:

Evaluating new onset encephalopathy (noninfectious or metabolic) comprising confusional states, psychosis, delirium, memory loss, hallucinations, movement disorders, sensory or motor complaints, seizures, dyssomnias, ataxias, nausea, vomiting, inappropriate antidiuresis, coma, dysautonomias, or hypoventilation using spinal fluid specimens

[ENC2 - Overview: Encephalopathy, Autoimmune/Paraneoplastic Evaluation, Spinal Fluid](#)

Questions

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