

Epstein-Barr Virus Viral Capsid Antigen (VCA) Antibody IgM

CPT Code: 86665

Order Code: C1312

ABN Requirement: No

Synonyms: EBV VCA Ab IgM

Specimen: Serum

Volume: 1.0 mL

Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL

Container: Gel-barrier tube (SST, Tiger Top)

Collection:

Serum:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. DO NOT SHAKE.
3. Let tube stand in a vertical position to allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

Transport: Store serum at 2-8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions provided with the Cleveland HeartLab shipping box.

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): 4 days

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 days

Frozen (-20°C): 30 days

Deep Frozen (-70°C): 30 days

Causes for Rejection: Specimens other than serum; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; grossly hemolyzed or grossly lipemic specimens; icteric specimens; microbially contaminated specimens

Methodology: Immunoassay (IA)

Turn Around Time: 3-4 days

Reference Range:

Age	U/mL	Interpretation
All Ages	<36.00	Negative
All Ages	36.00-43.99	Equivocal
All Ages	>43.99	Positive

Intended Use: Primary infection by Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) causes infectious mononucleosis, usually a self-limiting disease in children and young adults. Infection with EBV can cause lymphoproliferative disorders including tumors. VCA-IgM is typically detectable at clinical presentation, then declines to undetectable levels within a month in young children and within 3 months in other individuals.

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