

Heterophile, Mono Screen

CPT Code: 86308

Order Code: 654

ABN Requirement: No

Alternative Name(s): Infectious Mononucleosis, Monospot

Specimen: Serum

Volume: 1.0 mL

Minimum Volume: 0.2 mL

Container: Gel-barrier tube (SST)

Collection:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. Do not shake tube.
3. Allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

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

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): 4 days

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 days

Frozen (-20°C): 30 days

Causes for Rejection: Specimens other than serum; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; gross hemolysis

Methodology: Agglutination

Turn Around Time: 2 to 3 days

Reference Range: Negative

Clinical Significance: Heterophile antibodies, in patients with infectious mononucleosis, may be present as early as the fourth day of illness, and by the twenty-first day of illness, 90% of patients will exhibit a positive test. The Epstein-

Barr virus causes infectious mononucleosis.

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