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### **Test Update**

From Your Laboratory Service Provider, PathGroup Labs

# Testing Provided on Site for Measles (Rubeola) IgG

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## This change will take effect March 12, 2009

### **Overview and Clinical Utility:**

Effective March 12, 2009, PathGroup Labs will begin performing Measles IgG testing in house.

### **Test Methodology:**

Measles (Rubeola) IgG is for the semi-quantitative detection of human IgG antibodies to measles virus in human serum by enzyme immunoassay. Individual serum specimens may be used for the determination of immune status. Paired (acute/convalescent) sera may be used to demonstrate seroconversion or significant rises in antibody level, as an aid in the diagnosis of primary infection.

### Measles IgG:

| Previous Test:  |
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| Methodology: Semi-Quantitative ELISA  |
| 0.89 IV or less: Negative - No significant level of detectable measles (Rubeola) IgG antibody.  |
| 0.90-1.09 IV: Equivocal - Repeat testing in 10-14 days may be helpful.  |
| 1.10 IV or greater: Positive - IgG antibody to measles (Rubeola) detected, which may indicate a current or past exposure/immunization to measles (Rubeola). Positive IgG antibody levels in the absence of current clinical symptoms may indicate immunity. |
| Units: IV   |
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## Specimen Collection and Storage:

- 1) Collect specimen in a serum separator tube..
  - Allow serum tube to clot for 30 minutes.
    Spin serum separator tube 10-15 minutes @ 3500 rpm.
- 2) Serum specimens are stable refrigerated for 2 days or frozen for 30 days.

**CPT Code: 86785** 





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Tuesday and Thursday

### **Turnaround time:**

1-4 days

**Ordering:** 

MEASG Measles (Rubeola) Antibody IgG

#### **REFERENCES:**

Bio-Rad Measles IgG Test Instruction Manual

For further questions, please contact Client Services at 615-562-9300 or 1-888-474-5227.