



## HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) ANTIBODY, SCREENING

**Synonym(s):** HIV Screen

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<b>Lab Section Category</b>	<b>Virology</b> Click here to find out more about the <b>write-up</b> ( <a href="/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx">/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx</a> ).
<b>Specimen Required</b>	5 mL plain blood.
<b>Storage and Transport</b>	Samples must be double bagged using a plastic bag labelled "Biohazard"  Refrigerate samples if delay in transporting to laboratory is anticipated. <b>Do not freeze.</b>
<b>Method</b>	Chemiluminescent Microparticle Immunoassay  For confirmation, methods include particle agglutination, EIA, Western blot and/or line immunoassay.
<b>Test Result</b>	Reported as Reactive or Non-Reactive
<b>Turnaround Time</b>	Stat screening : 1 hour  Routine screening non-reactive report : <1 - 2 days  Confirmation of reactive results : 1 - 8 days
<b>Day(s) Test Set up</b>	Screening : Monday – Saturday Also stat outside office hours for potential organ donors
<b>Remarks</b>	If screened reactive, reflex confirmation will be carried out, at the prevailing charge as applicable.

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