



LEGIONELLA ANTIBODY

Synonym(s): Legionella Antibody

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Lab Section Category	Immunology/Serology/STD/Allergy - Serology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/immunologyserologystdallergy.aspx).
Specimen Required	3 mL plain blood Paired acute and convalescent sera (3 – 6 weeks after onset of fever) should be sent. Acute phase sera are tested alone; a convalescent specimen is requested and when received will be run together with the acute phase sera.
Method	Immunofluorescence
Test Result	Serum run at doubling dilutions from 1:64 to 1:1024. A fourfold rise in titre between acute and convalescent sera is considered proof of ongoing infection. A single titre of $\geq 1:1024$ is considered a presumptive positive.
Turnaround Time	Range 1 – 4 days
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday – Friday

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