



MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIAE TOTAL ANTIBODY

Synonym(s): Mycoplasma pneumoniae PA, Mycoplasma pneumoniae PA (Particle Agglutination) Test

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Lab Section Category	Virology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology- handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx).
Specimen Required	 3 - 5 mL plain blood. Send an acute sample for total antibody. If the titre of the first sample is <320, a second sample, to be sent two weeks later, will be requested.
Storage and Transport	Refrigerate samples if delay in transporting to laboratory is anticipated. Do not freeze.
Method	Particle Agglutination
Test Result	Acute infection : \geq 4 fold rise of Ab titre in paired sera. A single sample having a titre of \geq 320 is suggestive of a recent infection.
Turnaround Time	<1 - 4 days
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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