

TEST UPDATE

SYPHILIS REFLEX ALGORITHM UPDATE

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This change will take effect **January 24, 2014**

OVERVIEW AND CLINICAL UTILITY:

Effective January 24, 2014, PathGroup will reflex reactive syphilis, nonreactive RPR manual to *Treponema pallidum* Antibody by TP-PA for confirmation which is recommended by the CDC. This will replace the reflex to Fluorescent *Treponema* Antibody (FTA).

TEST METHODOLOGY:

Semi-quantitative Particle Agglutination

ORDERING:

TEST	TEST NAME	CPT	LOINC
TPPAR	<i>Treponema pallidum</i> Antibody by TP-PA	86780	24312-1

REFERENCE RANGE: Nonreactive

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE:

IF ORDERING:	
Serum or Plasma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect specimen in an SST or plasma separator tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allow serum tube to clot for 30 minutes. b) Spin serum separator tube 10-15 minutes @ 3500 rpm. • Serum specimens are stable refrigerated for 7 days. • Transport specimen refrigerated. • Unacceptable: Hemolysis or Lipemia

TEST PERFORMED: Monday- Friday

TURNAROUND TIME: 1-4 days