Penicillium chrysogenum/notatum IgE

TEST CODE: 75710S
CPT CODE: 86003 (x1)

Clinical Utility

This assay is used to detect allergen specific-IgE using the ImmunoCAP® FEIA method. In vitro allergy testing is the primary testing mode for allergy diagnosis.

Procedure

The ImmunoCAP® FEIA method uses as the solid phase a flexible, hydrophobic cellulosic polymer to which allergen has been covalently linked. The advantage of this system is that it has a very high antigen binding capacity when compared to other systems and it has minimal non-specific binding with high total IgE. Viracor-IBT Laboratories provides an optional low range calibrator at 0.1 kU/L and a 0/1 class. This test has been cleared or approved for diagnostic use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Assay Range

ImmunoCAP® Quantitative Scoring Guide:

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Note that Viracor-IBT includes an extra calibrator at 0.10 kU/L and uses it to define an optional equivocal class.

Causes For Rejection

Lipemic samples may lead to rejection

Turnaround Time

1-2 Business day from receipt of specimen

Specimen Information

**Serum - NY Approved.** 0.5 mL. Collect 1-2 mL whole blood in red top tube, centrifuge and transfer 0.5 mL serum into a transfer tube (Minimum Volume). Ship at ambient or frozen temperature Monday through Friday. Specimens are stable for 4 weeks refrigerated or ambient; freeze for longer storage.
Disclaimer

Specimens are approved for testing in New York only when indicated in the Specimen Information field above.

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