Lab Dept: Serology

Test Name: ASPERGILLUS ANTIBODY

**General Information**

Lab Order Codes: ASAB

Synonyms: A. fumigatis IgG Antibody; Aspergillus fumigatis IgG Antibody

CPT Codes: 86606 – Antibody; aspergillus

Test Includes: Aspergillus fumigatus IgG only

**Logistics**

Test Indications: Useful for detection of antibodies in persons having aspergillosis, primarily allergic bronchopulmonary disease, or fungus ball.

Lab Testing Sections: Serology - Sendouts

Referred to: Mayo Medical Laboratories (MML Test: SASP)

Phone Numbers:
- MIN Lab: 612-813-6280
- STP Lab: 651-220-6550

Test Availability: Daily, 24 hours

Turnaround Time: 1 - 3 days, test is set up Monday - Saturday

Special Instructions: N/A

**Specimen**

Specimen Type: Blood

Container: SST (Gold, marble or red)

Draw Volume: 1.5 mL (Minimum: 0.9 mL) blood

Processed Volume: 0.5 mL (Minimum: 0.3 mL) serum

Collection: Routine venipuncture

Special Processing: Lab Staff: Centrifuge specimen, remove serum and store refrigerated. Ship at refrigerated temperature.
Patient Preparation: None

Sample Rejection: Specimens other than serum, mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

Interpretive

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<td>&lt;4 years</td>
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<td>≥ 4 years</td>
<td>≤102 mg/L</td>
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Elevated concentrations of IgG antibodies to *Aspergillus fumigatis* are consistent with the diagnosis of aspergillosis, either invasive disease or Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis. The levels of antibodies were often markedly elevated (>10 times the upper limit of normal), and there was no difference in subgroups of patients with Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis and cavitary disease with Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis.

Critical Values: N/A

Limitations: IgG antibodies to *Aspergillus fumigatus* are detectable in sera from healthy individuals, and the presence of antibodies is not sufficient to establish the diagnosis of aspergillosis.

The levels of antibodies often decrease following successful treatment; but elevated levels may persist for long periods. The measurement of IgG antibodies to Aspergillus fumigatis should not be relied upon exclusively to establish the diagnosis of aspergillosis.

Methodology: Fluorescence Enzyme Immunoassay (FEIA)

References: Mayo Medical Laboratories Web Page November 2017

Updates: 11/7/2017: Collection container update