Lab Dept: Serology

Test Name: MONO TEST

**General Information** 

Lab Order Codes: MON

**Synonyms:** Infectious Mononucleosis Screen; Heterophile Screen

**CPT Codes:** 86308 – Heterophile antibodies; screening

**Test Includes:** Mono test reported as positive or negative.

Logistics

**Test Indications:** Useful as a screening test for the detection of heterophile antibodies

related to infectious mononucleosis.

Lab Testing Sections: Hematology

Phone Numbers: MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

**Test Availability:** Daily, 24 hours

Turnaround Time: 2 hours

**Special Instructions:** N/A

Specimen

Specimen Type: Blood

**Container:** Lavender top tube (EDTA)

**Draw Volume:** 1.5 mL blood

**Processed Volume:** 0.5 mL EDTA whole blood

**Collection:** Routine venipuncture

**Special Processing:** Store at room temperature

Patient Preparation: None

Sample Rejection: Mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

Interpretive

Reference Range: Negative

**Limitations:** A negative result may be obtained from patients at the onset of the

disease due to heterophile antibody levels below the sensitivity of this test kit. If symptoms persist or intensify, the test should be repeated.

**Methodology:** The Cardinal Health Mono II Rapid test is a rapid chromatographic

immunoassay for the qualitative detection of infectious mononucleosis

heterophile antibodies in whole blood

**References:** Cardinal Health Package Insert Rev. B 03/19

**Updates:** 01/18/2024: Updated containers, EDTA only acceptable sample type.