

TEST:	CDC Referrals (Serology)
Synonym:	Babesia, Chagas disease, Coxiella, Cysticercosis, Echinococcus, Filariasis, Leishmaniasis, Brucella, Tularemia, Hantavirus, Leptospira, Malaria, Q-fever, Schistosoma, Strongyloides, Toxocara, Trichinosis
Laboratory/Phone:	443-681-3938/3931 <b>(Call laboratory before sending specimen)</b>
Turnaround Time:	Varies
Specimen Required:	Serum
Specimen identification:	Label tube with patients first and last name
Specimen Volume (Optimum):	2 ml.
Specimen Volume (Minimum):	1 ml.
Collect:	RT vacutainer
Form:	DHMH 4677
Packaging and Shipping:	See packaging for transport instructions in Public Health Lab Services Guide
Transport Conditions:	Ambient temperature for specimens on the blood clot, separated serum at 2-8°C (refrigerated) or -20°C (frozen).
Specimen Rejection Criteria:	Hemolysis; insufficient volume
Availability:	Monday through Friday
Results and Interpretation:	Given on CDC report
Additional Information:	<b>Call 443-681-3938/3931 before sending specimen to State lab.</b>
Purpose of Test:	Detect antibodies which may be due to a particular infectious agent
Methods:	Varies
Interfering Substances:	Icteric, hemolyzed, lipemic specimen
Processing Site for CDC referral:	DHMH Laboratories Administration, Central Laboratory 1770 Ashland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205
Comment:	<b>Prior notification is requested. A detailed patient history is required.</b>