



Laboratory Services

Important Test Announcement

FUNGAL ANTIBODIES EXTENDED PANEL, SERUM

New Test Code: XFABE

Live Date: 6/16/2026

Effective June 16, 2026, the reference lab tests for Fungal Antibodies Comp Fix (**XFAB**) and Fungal Antibody Panel (**XFABP**) will be discontinued. Both test codes will be deactivated. The new test, Fungal Antibodies Extended Panel, Serum (**XFABE**) will be the recommended alternative test. Refer to the chart below and our Laboratory Test Directory for complete collection information.

	New Test Fungal Antibodies Extended Panel, Serum XFABE	Old Test Fungal Antibodies Comp Fix XFAB	Old Test Fungal Antibody Panel XFABP
Methodology	Semi-Quantitative Complement Fixation, Semi-Quantitative Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA), Qualitative Immunodiffusion	Complement fixation, Enzyme immunoassay (EIA), Immunodiffusion	Complement fixation, Immunodiffusion, Enzyme immunoassay (EIA)

Performed	Daily	Dayshift	Sunday through Friday
Turnaround Time	8 days	6 days	6 days
Specimen Required	Red Tube, no gel Gold Tube, with gel	Red Tube, no gel Gold Tube, with gel	Red Tube, no gel Gold Tube, with gel
Specimen Volume	6 mL	3 mL	6 mL
Specimen Preparation	Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens must be received within 30 days from receipt of the acute specimens. Mark specimens plainly as "acute" or "convalescent."	Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Store and ship refrigerated serum.	Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Acute and convalescent specimens must be labeled as such. Store and ship refrigerated serum.
Storage/Transport/Temperature	Refrigerated	Refrigerated	Refrigerated
Unacceptable Conditions	Gross lipemia, Contamination, Hemolyzed specimen	Gross lipemia, Contamination, Wrong collection tube, Hemolyzed specimen,	Gross lipemia, Contamination, Wrong type of specimen, Hemolyzed specimen, Icteric specimen

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Stability	Whole blood: Room temperature 2 hour(s) Serum: Room temperature 2 day(s) Serum: Refrigerated 2 week(s) Serum: Frozen 12 month(s)	Whole blood: Room temperature 2 hour(s) Serum: Room temperature 2 day(s) Serum: Refrigerated 2 week(s) Serum: Frozen 12 month(s)	Whole blood: Room temperature 2 hour(s) Serum: Room temperature 2 day(s) Serum: Refrigerated 2 week(s) Serum: Frozen 12 month(s)

If you have any additional questions about [XFABE](#), please call Client Services at 614-722-5477.