

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective August 20, 2018

0050372

Rickettsia rickettsii (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever) Antibody, IgM

RMSF M

Performed: Sun-Sat
Reported: 1-3 days

Specimen Required: Collect: Serum Separator Tube (SST).

Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.3 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens **must** be received within 30 days from receipt of the acute specimens.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Remarks: **Mark specimens plainly as "acute" or "convalescent."**

Unacceptable Conditions: Contaminated, hemolyzed, or severely lipemic specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)