

**TEST CHANGE**

Treponema pallidum Antibody, IgG by IFA (FTA-ABS), Serum  
0050477, FTA

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:

Collect: Serum separator tube.

Specimen Preparation: Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP [standard transport tube](#). ~~Standard Transport Tube~~. (Min: 0.42 mL)

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: CSF, plasma, or other body fluids. Contaminated, hemolyzed, or severely lipemic specimens.

Remarks:

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

Methodology: Semi-Quantitative Indirect Fluorescent Antibody ([IFA](#))

Performed: Sun-Sat

Reported: 1-3 days

Note: The Fluorescent Treponema Antibody (FTA) is recommended for follow-up of reactive nontreponemal tests for syphilis, and as a single test in patients suspected of late syphilis. The FTA may be used to resolve discrepancies between laboratory results and clinical impressions. FTA tests for syphilis may be falsely positive in some cases of systemic lupus erythematosus, pregnancy, and leprosy. Can be used to provide additional evidence of neurosyphilis when VDRL-CSF test results are reactive.

CPT Codes: 86780

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

Reference Interval:

Nonreactive

