

## HOTLINE: Effective May 18, 2020

## 0051004 Ehrlichia chaffeensis Antibody, IgG by IFA

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Specimen Required: Collect: Serum Separator Tube.

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. **Mark specimens plainly as acute or convalescent.** 

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> 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)