HOTLINE: Effective November 18, 2019

0093049 ***Babesia microti* Antibody, IgG by IFA** **BAB IGG**

Specimen Required: Collect: Serum Separator Tube (SST).
Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 0.5 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 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.
Unacceptable Conditions: Bacterially contaminated, hemolyzed, or 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)