

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective **November 12, 2018**

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Fungal Antibodies with Reflex to *Blastomyces dermatitidis* Antibodies by Immunodiffusion

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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: 0.4 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: **Hemolyzed, icteric, 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)