

NEW TEST

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QuantiFERON TB-Gold Plus, 1-Tube

3017554, QFT PLUS		
Specimen Requirements:		
Patient Preparation:		
Collect:	QuantiFERONGold Plus 1-tube (ARUP Supply #54015) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect(TM) or contact ARUP Client Services at 800-522-2787. For collection and transport instructions, refer to QuantiFERON under Special Handling at https://www.aruplab.com/testing/quantiferon#collection. NOTE: The specimen must be submitted in the ARUP-provided collection tube due to the requirements of the laboratory automation.	
Specimen Preparation:	Transport 6 mL whole blood. (Min: 5 mL).	
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated. Must be collected and shipped directly to ARUP the same calendar day.	
Unacceptable Conditions:	Clotted specimens.	
Remarks:	Do not collect or ship on holidays or the day before holidays.	
Stability:	Ambient: 3 hours; Refrigerated: 48 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable	
Methodology:	Semi-Quantitative Chemiluminescent Immunoassay (CLIA)/Semi-Quantitative Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)	
Performed:	Sun-Sat	
Reported:	1-4 days	
Note:	If the stability requirements cannot be met, please refer to ARUP test code 3017562, QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus, 4-Tube.	
CPT Codes:	86480	
New York DOH Approval Status:	This test is New York DOH approved.	
Interpretive Data:		
Interferon gamma release is measured for specimens from each of the four collection tubes. A		

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qualitative result (Negative, Positive, or Indeterminate) is based on interpretation of the four



values: NIL, MITOGEN minus NIL (MITOGEN-NIL), TB1 minus NIL (TB1-NIL), and TB2 minus NIL (TB2-NIL). The NIL value represents nonspecific reactivity produced by the patient specimen. The MITOGEN-NIL value serves as the positive control for the patient specimen, demonstrating successful lymphocyte activity. The TB1-NIL tube specifically detects CD4+ lymphocyte reactivity, specifically stimulated by the TB1 antigens. The TB2-NIL tube detects both CD4+ and CD8+ lymphocyte reactivity, stimulated by TB2 antigens. An overall Negative result does not completely rule out TB infection.

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A false-positive result in the absence of other clinical evidence of TB infection is not uncommon. Refer to: Updated Guidelines for Using Interferon Gamma Release Assays to Detect Mycobacterium tuberculosis Infection -- United States, 2010 (http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5905a1.htm), for more information concerning test performance in low-prevalence populations and use in occupational screening.

Reference Interval:

Test Number	Components	Reference Interval
	QuantiFERON-Mitogen minus NIL	
		No Reference Interval
	QuantiFERON NIL	
		No Reference Interval
	Quantiferon-Plus TB1 minus NIL	
		0.34 IU/mL or less
	Quantiferon-Plus TB2 minus NIL	
		0.34 IU/mL or less

HOTLINE NOTE: Refer to the Hotline Test Mix for interface build information.