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# HIV Antibodies

## Synonyms

## Clinical Indication

Please give detailed clinical information, including the date of onset/contact with the suspected infection.

## Part of Profile / See Also

Anti-HIV 1 and anti-HIV 2 antibodies and HIV p24 antigen. Included in routine ante-natal screen, unless HIV screening is declined.

## Request Form

[ICE order comms form \(Handwritten request – only if order comms not available\)](#).

Please note that retrospective requests for HIV testing requires a request form to be sent. Please contact laboratory.

## Availability / Frequency of Analysis

Testing performed daily. Positive samples are referred to VRD at PHE England for further confirmatory tests.

## Turnaround Time

Results are normally available within 24 hours of receipt of the sample. Needlestick source testing is performed urgently.

Samples giving a positive test result will be sent to a reference laboratory for confirmation/further tests; results of these tests will usually be available 10 days after the date of the original in-house screening test.

## Patient Preparation

### Sample Requirements

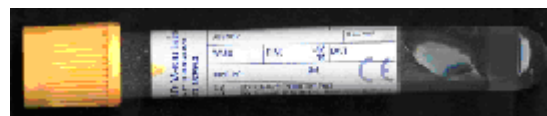
#### Specimen Type

Serum or plasma (anticoagulants EDTA, heparin citrate, oxalate).

#### Volume

5ml

#### Container



Yellow top (SST) tube



Paediatric Yellow top (SST) tube

**Samples should be transported to laboratory immediately.**

## Reference Range & Units

Positive/Negative

## Interferences

Samples may be stored for up to 48 hours at 2-8°C or longer if stored at -20°C and thawed once. Grossly haemolysed, contaminated or highly lipaemic

samples cannot be used. Inactivated serum or recalcified plasma cannot be used.

**Interpretation & Clinical**

**Decision Value (if applicable)**

Interpretative comments are added to the final report.

**References**

**Test code**

HIV

**Lab Handling**

Store at 4°C.