

MPO Antibodies

Synonyms

Myeloperoxidase

Clinical Indication

Performed on samples with a positive ANCA pattern.

ANCA testing is indicated in patients presenting with:

- Glomerulonephritis, especially rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis
- Pulmonary haemorrhage, especially pulmonary renal syndrome
- Cutaneous vasculitis with systemic features
- Multiple lung nodules
- Chronic destructive disease of the upper airways
- Long-standing sinusitis or otitis
- Subglottic tracheal stenoses
- Mononeuritis multiplex or other peripheral neuropathy
- Retro-orbital mass
- Scleritis

Please note: All samples found to be ANCA IIF positive or to have an interfering ANA will be tested for the presence of MPO and PR3 antibodies.

Autoimmune vasculitides including:

- Granulomatosis and polyangiitis (Wegener's granulomatosis)
- Microscopic polyangiitis
- Crescentic glomerulonephritis
- Eosinophilic granulomatosis and polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss syndrome)

The assay should not be considered diagnostic and a definitive diagnosis should not be based on the results of this assay alone.

Part of Profile / See Also

ANCA positive samples have a pattern reported, and have MPO and PR3 antibodies measured.

Request Form

Combined Pathology manual Blood form or ICE request

Availability / Frequency of Analysis

Assay is run daily Monday to Friday

Turnaround Time

5 days

Patient Preparation

None required

Sample Requirements

Please note a separate sample is required when Immunology tests are requested in addition to Biochemistry tests

Specimen Type

Serum

Volume

2 ml

Container



Yellow top (SST) tube



Or Paediatric Yellow top (SST) tube

Reference Range & Units

Negative: 0 - 3.5 U/mL

Equivocal: 3.5 - 5.0 U/ml

Positive: >5.0 U/ml

Interferences

Heavily haemolysed or lipaemic samples are not suitable

Interpretation & Clinical
Decision Value (if applicable)

A positive test for MPO antibodies and a positive p-ANCA are consistent with microscopic polyangiitis (60%), Granulomatosis and polyangiitis (<10% - Wegener's), Eosinophilic granulomatosis and polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss syndrome 50-80%) and Goodpasture's syndrome.

MPO with p-ANCA may also be present in other autoimmune disorders, such as systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and Sjögren syndrome.

References
<https://labtestsonline.org.uk>
Test code

MPPR

Lab Handling

Aliquot and store at 4-8°C prior to testing and at -20°C or below for up to 1 month after receipt.