

## **Parasite Antibodies**

Synonyms	Parasite serology
Clinical Indication	Please give detailed clinical information including date of onset/contact with the suspected infection.
	Please state date of return, duration and exact destination(s) of any recent travel, whether European or elsewhere.
Part of Profile / See Also	Tests for antibodies to various parasites, dependent on the clinical and other information given
Request Form	Microbiology or combined Pathology manual request form or ICE request
Availability / Frequency of Analysis	Referred test: Analysed at London school of hygiene & tropical medicine (LSHTM) based at UCL 7512
Analysis	On request during normal working hours
Turnaround Time	7 - 10 days
Patient Preparation	
Sample Requirements	
Specimen Type	Serum
Volume	5 ml
Container	Yellow Top (SST) tube Paediatric Yellow Top (SST) tube Samples should be transported to laboratory immediately.
Reference Range & Units	
Interferences	
Interpretation & Clinical	Presence of IgM antibodies represents acute infection.
Decision Value (if applicable)	Presence of IgM & IgG antibodies represents developing infection. Presence of IgG antibodies represents past or chronic infection. Absence of antibodies indicates no previous exposure to the parasite.
References	
Test code	PARA
Lab Handling	Aliquot and store at $4^{\circ}$ C. Sent to the reference laboratory as soon as possible.



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