

## ***Babesia microti* IgG Antibodies, Serum**

**Test ID:** BABG

**Explanation:** Due a to nationwide reagent supply issue, this test will become non-orderable effective immediately. There is no 1:1 *Babesia* antibody referral test available through Mayo Clinic Laboratories during this test down. For acute detection of suspected babesiosis, please consider molecular testing. An update will be provided when testing resumes.

### **Recommended Alternative Test:**

## ***Babesia* species, Molecular Detection, PCR, Blood**

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### **Methods:**

Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)/DNA Probe Hybridization

### **Reference Values:**

Negative (Reference values apply to all ages)

### **Specimen Requirements:**

**Container/Tube:** Lavender top (EDTA)

**Specimen Volume:** 1 mL

**Collection Instructions:** Send whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**

**Minimum Volume:** 0.5 mL

### **Specimen Stability Information:**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Whole Blood EDTA	Refrigerated	7 days

### **CPT Code:**

87798 x2

87469

87999 (if appropriate for government payers)

**Day(s) Performed:** Monday through Saturday

**Report Available:** 1 to 4 days

### **Questions**

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