

NEW TEST ANNOUNCEMENT

MML NEW ENGLAND

NOTIFICATION DATE: May 3, 2013 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 11, 2013

VARICELLA-ZOSTER ANTIBODY IgG, SERUM Test ID: VZPG

USEFUL FOR:

- Determination of immune status of individuals to the varicella-zoster virus (VZV)
- Documentation of previous infection with VZV in an individual without a previous record of immunization to VZV

NOTE: This test will contain a result code to report the VZV IgG antibody index value.

METHODOLOGY: Multiplex Flow Immunoassay

REFERENCE VALUES:

Vaccinated: Positive Unvaccinated: Negative

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS:

Container/Tube:
Preferred: Red Top
Acceptable: Serum gel
Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL
Minimum Volume: 0.4 mL

SPECIMEN STABILITY INFORMATION:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days
	Frozen	14 days

CAUTIONS:

- Serum specimens drawn very early during the acute state of infection may be negative for IgG-class antibodies to this virus.
- IgG-class antibodies to the varicella-zoster virus may be present in serum specimens from individuals who have received blood products within the past several months, but have not been immunized or experienced past infection with this virus.

CPT CODE: 86787

DAY(S) SET UP:Monday through Friday, 3rd shift

ANALYTIC TIME:
Same day / 1 day

NOTE: The following referral test code(s) will become obsolete.

Test Name	Test ID	Referral Lab Code	Referral Lab
Varicella-Zoster Virus (VZV)	ZW83 90522	41015	Focus Diagnostics Inc.
Antibody (Immunity Screen),			
ACIF, Serum			

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager or Rita M. Baird, MML Laboratory Technologist Resource Coordinator Telephone: 800-533-1710