

**REPORTING/FILE DEFINITION
CHANGE AND NEW ORDERABLE
TEST****NOTIFICATION DATE:** October 16, 2012**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 16, 2012**Histoplasma Antibody, Serum**
Test ID: SHSTO
Secondary ID: 26692

EXPLANATION: Currently this test code is offered only as a reflex for test HISTO / 83853 *Histoplasma capsulatum* Antibody Screen, Serum. Effective November 16, 2012 this test will be offered as a stand alone orderable.

Also, the following result code will be removed from the file definition for this test:
8240 Histoplasma Ab, S

NOTE: Effective with this change, all orders placed for this test must be submitted in the alpha-numeric character Test ID format instead of the numeric Secondary ID. Result codes may also be subject to change. Please review Test Set-Up and Conversion Mapping information at:
<http://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/test-notifications/index.html>

USEFUL FOR: Aiding in the diagnosis of active histoplasmosis.

METHODOLOGY: Complement Fixation (CF) / Immunodiffusion

REFERENCE VALUES: Mycelial by CF: negative (positives reported as titer)
Yeast by CF: negative (positives reported as titer)
Antibody by Immunodiffusion: negative (positives reported as band present)

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS: Container/Tube: Red top or serum gel tube
Preferred: Red top
Acceptable: Serum gel
Specimen Volume: 0.7 mL

SPECIMEN STABILITY INFORMATION:

| Specimen Type | Temperature | Time |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Serum | Refrigerate (preferred) | 14 days |
| | Frozen | 14 days |

CAUTIONS: Recent histoplasmosis skin tests must be avoided because the test causes a misleading rise in CF titer, as well as an M precipitin band, in approximately 17% of patients having previous exposure to *Histoplasma capsulatum*.

Cross-reacting antibodies sometimes present interpretive problems in patients having blastomycosis or coccidioidomycosis.

FEE: Please contact your Regional Manager for your account's fee information.

CPT CODE: 86698 X 3

DAY(S) SET UP: Monday through Friday **ANALYTIC TIME:** 1 day

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager or
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