Eosinophil Cationic Protein (ECP)
Test Code: 42

Clinical and Procedure

Clinical Utility
Serum ECP levels correlate with the severity of the patient's asthma. Increased ECP levels are predictive of exercise induced asthma and the propensity to develop a late asthmatic reaction (LAR). ECP levels increase after allergen exposure and these increases are reduced after immunotherapy. Serum ECP measurements may be used to monitor anti-asthma treatment and help optimize drug dosing.

Procedure
ImmunoCAP®-FEIA. This test has not been cleared or approved for diagnostic use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Turnaround Time
5-7 business days from receipt of specimen

Specimen Information

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<td>1 mL (min. 500 uL)</td>
<td>ECP results are reported in nanograms per mL (ng/mL). The reference interval is less than 32.5 ng/mL. This represents the lower 95th percentile of a healthy adult population.</td>
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Special Instructions
- Collect the blood in 4 mL vacutainer hemogard SST tube. The tube should be completely filled and then gently inverted 5 times.
- Allow the blood to clot at room temperature (20-24° C) for 60 minutes (+/- 5 min).
- Centrifuge the serum at 1000-1300 x g for 10 minutes at room temperature.
- Stability 48 hours ambient, 7 days at 2-8°; >2 weeks frozen at -20°
- Stable for 3 freeze/thaw cycles.

Disclaimer
Specimens are approved for testing in New York only when indicated in the Specimen Information field above.

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References

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