



## CU (Chronic Urticaria) Index™

Test Code: 403005

<b>CPT CODE</b>	86343, 83088, 86021, 86376, 84443, 86800
<b>SPECIMEN REQUIREMENT</b>	
Type:	Serum
Volume:	3 mL
Handling:	Blood should be collected and allowed to clot prior to centrifugation. Patients taking calcineurin inhibitors should stop their medication 72 hours prior to draw. Patients on prednisone should be off their medication 2 weeks prior to draw. If the specimen is to be held more than one week, it should be stored frozen.
Storage:	Ambient
Shipping:	Ship overnight at ambient temperature. If held more than one week ship frozen on WET ice.
<b>METHODOLOGY</b>	Ex Vivo Challenge, Cell Culture and Histamine Analysis
<b>SET-UP SCHEDULE</b>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
<b>STANDARD TURNAROUND TIME</b>	2-5 business days from receipt of specimen
<b>STABILITY</b>	1 week ambient, 2 weeks refrigerated, 1 year frozen
<b>CLINICAL UTILITY</b>	Patients with a chronic form of Urticaria who are positive with the Functional anti-FcεR test have an autoimmune basis for their disease. A positive result does not indicate which autoantibody (anti-IgE, anti-FcεRI or anti-FcεRII) is present.
<b>TESTS INCLUDED</b>	
	322 Anti-Thyroid Peroxidase IgG (Anti-TPO)
	2103 CU Index™
	2004 Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)
	2005 Anti-Thyroglobulin IgG (Anti-Tg)

**NOTE:** The CU Index™ can be ordered separately. 1 mL serum, ambient temperature