



Diphtheria Antibody

Test Code 922
(Both assays on same serum)

CPT CODE	86648 x 1 86774 x 1
SPECIMEN REQUIREMENT	
Type:	Serum
Volume:	1.0 mL (0.5 mL Pediatric)
Handling:	
Storage:	Ambient
Shipping:	No special shipping requirements
METHODOLOGY	Enzyme Immunoassay
SET-UP SCHEDULE	Monday and Thursday
STANDARD TURNAROUND TIME	2-3 business days from receipt of specimen
CLINICAL UTILITY	These tests can be used to determine if the patient has protective levels of these antibodies. They can also be used to evaluate the <u>functional</u> capacity of immunity in a patient after challenge with these vaccines. In this situation it is highly recommended that paired samples (pre and post vaccination) be tested. An important part of the laboratory evaluation of a suspected immune deficiency is to determine the patient's antibody-forming capacity to representative antigens.
STABILITY	4 weeks Ambient, 4 weeks Refrigerated