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Lyme Disease Information

Dear Regional Pathology Clients,

The Lyme Total Antibodies IgG/IgM test (LYABGM) is a two-tiered test to diagnose Lyme disease; a positive or equivocal screen is automatically confirmed by Western Blot. The confirmatory test should not be ordered in place of this screen.

The CDC currently recommends a two-step testing process for Lyme disease. Both steps are required and can be done using the same sample. If this first step is negative, no further testing is recommended. If the first step is positive or indeterminate (sometimes called “equivocal”), the second confirmatory step is performed. The overall result is positive only when the first test is positive (or equivocal) and the second test is positive.

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