

Preferred Lab Partners

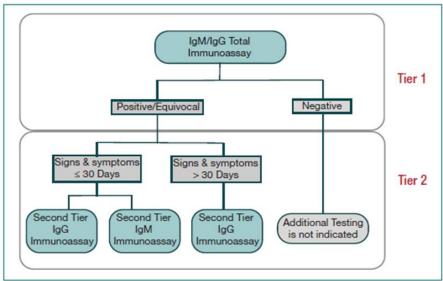
The joint venture clinical laboratory between St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Tri-Health

Laboratory Testing Update

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To: All Providers

RE: *New* Lyme Disease Test Panel replaces prior Lyme tests

Beginning **Monday, July 22nd, 2024**, Preferred Lab Partners on the EDG campus will launch a modified two-tiered testing (MTTT) method for Lyme disease using serologic assays that have been FDA-cleared for this purpose. This method adheres to CDC guidelines for Lyme disease diagnosis (<u>Updated CDC Recommendation for Serologic Diagnosis of Lyme Disease | MMWR</u>) and is depicted in the flow chart below.



A <u>Lyme Disease Test Panel</u> has been created in Epic, which will require designation of the timing of patient symptom onset as within or exceeding 30 days. This information is used by the laboratory for second-tier reflexive test selection, should additional testing be warranted.

All testing will be performed in house with more rapid turn-around time than traditional western blot methods.

If you have additional questions please contact Amanda Lee, Immunology Supervisor (859) 301-7055.