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RABIES ANTIBODY TESTING
RAPID FLUORESCENT FOCUS INHIBITION TEST (RFFIT)
Humans and Animals

ATLANTA HEALTH ASSOCIATES was established in 1993 by the late Keith Sikes, D.V.M., M.P.H. and Mary Yager, B.S. Since that time the laboratory in Cumming, Georgia has offered the rabies viral neutralization test (RFFIT) test for both human and animal specimens. This licensed facility is under the directorship of Richard H. Newhouse, Ph. D.

COST OF TESTS:

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| WHO Screen: | \$40.00 | To determine if booster dose is needed according to WHO Guidelines . |
| WHO/ACIP Screen: | \$55.00 | To determine if booster dose is needed according to WHO or ACIP Guidelines . |
| End Point: | \$65.00 (human or animal) \$75.00 (animal/export) | To determine a more exact titer in accordance with WHO OR ACIP Guidelines. |

TITER INTERPRETATION

- A titer ≥ 0.5 International Units (IU) indicates a positive antibody response to rabies vaccination.
- A titer of < 0.5 IU indicates a need for a booster dose of vaccine. (Per [WHO Guidelines](#))
- A titer **NOT** showing complete neutralization at the 1:5 dilution indicates a need for a booster dose of vaccine (Per [ACIP Guidelines](#).)
- Results will be mailed seven to ten days after the serum is received. Results can be provided by fax, telephone or email if requested.

SHIPPING

- After centrifugation please transfer 0.5 to 1.0 ml serum or plasma from Vacutainer tube to plastic leak-proof container. Send refrigerated serum or plasma and the attached form to the above address. **PLEASE NOTE: If samples are submitted other than specified, there will be an additional special handling charge of \$5.00.**

Samples may be rejected because of:

- Gross hemolysis
- Gross lipemia
- Volume less than 0.5mL
- Contamination
- Specimen mislabeled

PAYMENT

- **Institutions** should provide billing address with specimens and purchase order number if required.
- **Individuals and animal exports** should include a personal check or money order made payable to: **Atlanta Health Associates, Inc.**

Request for Rabies RFFIT Serology

Name & Address _____
 For Results: _____

 Attention: _____
 Telephone # _____
 Fax # _____
 Email _____

Costs: (Please choose one)
 See Preceding Info page for details
 WHO Screen: \$40.00
 (Default if none selected)
 ACIP Screen: \$55.00
 End Point: \$65.00 (Human or animal)
 \$75.00 (Export)
 *Special Handling: \$5.00 (see below)

Billing Address _____
 (If different from above) _____

Individuals & Exports: Please enclose check or money order made payable to Atlanta Health Associates, Inc.
Institutions: Please provide mailing address & PO # if required by payee.

Shipping Instructions

- After centrifugation please transfer 0.5 to 1.0 mL serum or plasma from vacutainer tube to plastic leak-proof container* and package to withstand leakage of contents from the shipping container. (See CDC Biosafety Manual or DOT guidelines for specific packaging requirements.)
 *Subject to special handling fee if submitted other than specified.
- Send refrigerated serum or plasma and this form to the above address, preferably via next day delivery.
- Deliveries cannot be accepted on weekends and holidays.

| Name (animals being exported must include microchip #) | Vaccination History | Specimen Date | Comments | Lab Use |
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