

# Lyme Disease Antibodies (IgG, IgM), Immunoblot

**CPT Code:** 86617 (x2)

**Order Code:** 8593

**Alternative Names:** *Borrelia burgdorferi*

**ABN Requirement:** No

**Specimen:** Serum

**Volume:** 1.0 mL

**Minimum Volume:** 0.5 mL

**Container:** Gel-barrier tube (SST, Tiger Top)

## Collection:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. Do not shake.
3. Allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

**Patient Information:** Administration of STRENSIQ may interfere in certain assays and may falsely elevate values. For patients receiving STRENSIQ, consideration should be given to alternate methods.

**Transport:** Store serum at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions included with the provided shipping box.

## Stability:

**Ambient (15-25°C):** 7 days

**Refrigerated (2-8°C):** 14 days

**Frozen (-20°C):** 30 days

**Causes for Rejection:** Specimens other than serum; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; gross hemolysis; gross lipemia

**Methodology:** Immunoblot (IB)

**Turn Around Time:** 2 to 3 days

**Reference Range:**

<b>Lyme Disease Ab (IgG), Blot</b>	Negative
<b>Lyme Disease Ab (IgM), Blot</b>	Negative

**Clinical Significance:** Lyme disease is transmitted by a tick vector carrying *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Immunoblot testing qualitatively examines, with high specificity, antibodies in a patient's specimen. Immunoblot testing is appropriate for confirming a detected EIA or IFA test result.

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