

Diagnostic Laboratory Services

OLIGOCLONAL BANDS & CEREBROSPINAL FLUID (CSF) IMMUNOGLOBULIN (IgG) INDEX

Test ID: Oligo - LAB3146

Test ID: Index - LAB6388

Situation: Testing serum and CSF for IgG immunoglobulin banding.

Background: IgG in CSF is a documented clinical indicator of Multiple Sclerosis. The testing compares the results of the CSF and serum to isolate unique IgG in the CSF.

Assessment: Oligoclonal IgG band testing via IEF can be up to twice as sensitive as the IgG Index.

Specimen Requirements:

- Provide **two red top serum tubes** and **no less than 2ml of CSF**
- Draw blood **no more than 24 hours** before **or seven days** after the CSF
- Provide **both** samples for testing.

Questions:

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