



Title: Interleukin 6 (IL-6)

Effective Date: May 26th, 2020

Contact: Customer Care

Effective May 26, 2020, the IL-6 test will be performed at IU Health Pathology Laboratory.

This test is useful for the evaluation of patients with systemic infection such as sepsis, localized infection such as prosthetic joint infection, and chronic inflammatory disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis or inflammatory bowel disease. IL-6 is made by a variety of cell types and has an important role in immunity. It may also be part of a cytokine storm, which has been seen in some patients with severe SARS CoV-2 pneumonia.

This is an immunoassay and note that the reference range has changed from the prior sendout test.

Ordering Information

Test Name:	Interleukin 6 QN (IL-6)
Specimen type:	Serum
Specimen Requirements:	Gold-top tube
Methodology:	Immunoassay
Turnaround Time:	Stat--1 hour; routine--within 24 hours
Reference Range:	0.0 - 6.3 pg./mL

With questions on test requirements or ordering, please call Customer Care at 317.491.6000 or 800.433.0740. Any additional concerns or questions, please contact Dr. Michelle K. Zimmerman, Director of Clinical Chemistry, IU Health Pathology Laboratory at 317.491.6558 or mkzimm@iupui.edu.