
**RABIES ANTIBODY TESTING
RAPID FLUORESCENT FOCUS INHIBITION TEST-RFFIT
HUMANS AND ANIMALS**

ATLANTA HEALTH ASSOCIATES is a small organization comprised of Keith Sikes, D.V.M., M.P.H. and Mary Yager, B.S. For the past eight years they have been conducting RFFIT tests on humans who have received diploid cell rabies vaccines. Dr. Sikes has served on the World Health Organization Expert Rabies Panel since 1970 and was Director of the CDC Rabies Program until his retirement. Since then he has served as State Epidemiologist in Georgia and a rabies consultant to private and public organizations in the laboratory development of rabies therapy and diagnosis. Ms. Yager has performed RFFIT tests with Serologicals, Atlanta before joining AHA.

COSTS OF TESTS

Screen: \$23.00. \$20.00 (10 or more serums)	Serum tested at two dilutions	To determine if booster is needed.
End Point: \$30.00 (humans)	Serum tested at serial 5 fold dilutions until an end point is reached.	To determine a more exact titer.

TITER INTERPRETATION

- A titer >0.5 International Units (IU) indicates a positive antibody response to rabies vaccination. Both the World health Organization's Expert Rabies Committee and the USPHS Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices agree on this interpretation.
- A titer of <0.5 IU indicates a need for a booster dose of vaccine.
- Tests are run Monday through Thursday. Results will be mailed within seven days after the serum is received. Results can be provided by fax or telephone if requested.

SHIPPING

- After centrifugation, please transfer 2 ml serum from vacutainer tube to plastic leak-proof container. Send refrigerated serum and all copies of the attached form to the above address.
- If the form is not available, please provide the name and vaccination history for each specimen submitted as well as name and address of the person to whom results should be sent.

PAYMENT

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

Request For Rabies RFFIT Serology

Address for Results:

Costs Screen:
\$23.00
\$20.00 (10 or more)
End Point:
\$30.00 - human
\$35.00 - animal

Attention:
Telephone#:
Fax#:

Billing

Individuals: Please enclose check or money order made payable to Atlanta Health Associates, Inc.

Institutions: Please provide a P.O. # and billing address.

Shipping

- After centrifugation, please transfer 2 ml serum from vacutainer tube to plastic leak-proof container. Send refrigerated serum and all copies of this form to the above address
- Deliveries cannot be accepted on weekends and holidays.

Name	Specimen date	Vaccination History	Test Results	Lab Use

Test Interpretation

- A titer ≥ 0.5 International Units (IU) indicates a positive antibody response to rabies vaccination. If the titer is less than 0.5 IU, a booster dose of rabies vaccine is indicated.

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