

# Mycoplasma pneumoniae

Test Code: 202200

## Clinical and Procedure

### Clinical Utility

**This assay is only available as part of a panel and cannot be ordered individually.**

*Mycoplasma pneumoniae* is a small bacterium that cannot be seen on gram stain. It is a common cause of community-acquired pneumonia and tracheobronchitis, or chest colds, in children. *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* infections are sometimes referred to as "walking pneumonia," and are often seen with other upper respiratory tract symptoms. Outbreaks of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* occur mostly in crowded environments, like schools, college dormitories, military barracks, and nursing homes, where transmission is possible through airborne droplets from close person-to-person contact.

### Procedure

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