

# Alfalfa (Medicago sativa) IgG4

Test Code: 59722

## Clinical and Procedure

### Clinical Utility

The clinical utility of food-specific IgG4 tests has not been clearly established. Physicians sometimes use allergen-specific IgG4 to evaluate patients prior to or during immunotherapy. These tests can be used in special clinical situations. This test should only be ordered by physicians who recognize the limitations of the test.

### Procedure

Enzyme immunoassay (FEIA). A standard curve is used to calculate the specific IgG concentrations. The calibrators are referenced to the International Reference Preparation for serum immunoglobulins. This test has not been cleared or approved for diagnostic use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

## Turnaround Time

2-3 business days from receipt of specimen

## Specimen Information

Specimen Type	Order Code	CPT Code	NY Approved	Volume	Assay Range
Serum	59722	86001	No	0.5 mL (min. 150 uL)	See Limit of Quantitation Guide

#### Special Instructions

- Collect 1-2 mL whole blood in red top tube.
- Centrifuge and transfer 0.5 mL serum into a transfer tube.
- Ship at ambient or frozen temperature Monday through Friday.
- Specimens are stable for 1 week ambient, 4 weeks refrigerated; freeze for storage greater than 4 weeks.

	mcg/mL of IgG4
Lower Limit of Quantitation	0.15
Upper Limit of Quantitation	30.0

Reference ranges vary by allergen.

## Disclaimer

Specimens are approved for testing in New York only when indicated in the Specimen Information field above.

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