

# RPR Screen with Reflex to Titer Test Update

**CLH Test Code:**

RPRRFX ( 2491)

**Test Name:**

RPR Screen with Reflex to Titer

**Specimen type:**

Serum (SST or red top)

**Storage:**

Refrigerated (2 days)

Freeze if not tested within 2 days

**Estimated Turn-around time:**

1-2 days

**Test Performed at:**

Aiea Heights Lab

**Client Services**

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Effective November 2, 2020, Clinical Labs of Hawaii will be performing reflexive titers on all positive RPR specimens. RPR as a stand-alone test will no longer be available.

Titers are important for the determination of treatment efficacy. This change eliminates the need for phone calls to add on the titer and avoid possible redraws when the specimen is no longer available. A pre-treatment titer serves as a baseline against which subsequent post-treatment titers can be compared.

All reactive specimens will continue to be sent to the Department of Health for confirmatory testing by Treponema pallidum particle agglutination (TP-PA).

Additional charges will apply for the reflexed test.

Obstetric panels will also now include RPR with reflex to titer per the Department of Health's recommendation regarding congenital syphilis increasing statewide.<sup>1</sup>

Requisitions and EMR compendiums are being updated to reflect this change.

If you have any questions, please call our Client Services Department at 677-7998 on Oahu or 1-866-281-6816 toll free.

**References:**

<sup>1</sup>State of Hawaii Department of Health Medical Advisory: Congenital Syphilis Increasing Statewide (<https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/for-healthcare-providers/medical-advisories/>) August 18, 2020

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