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Subject: IgA Anti-tissue Transglutaminase Testing

Beginning January 12, 2009, the Immunology Laboratory will offer IgA anti-tissue transglutaminase (IgA-TTg) testing. IgA-TTg antibodies are found in patients with Celiac Disease.

The Immunology Laboratory will test for IgA-TTg antibodies with an automated fluoro-enzyme-immunoassay. For testing of IgA deficient patients, IgG-TTg testing can be referred to Mayo Medical Laboratories via the Referral Testing Laboratory.

IgA-TTg antibody can be ordered in CPOE under the test code 8049. The test name is Anti-Tissue Transglutaminase (TTGA). The SYN is 80491 Tissue Transglutaminase IgA (TTGA).

Please direct questions to the Immunology Laboratory at 966-4058 or Dr. Schmitz at 966-8453.