Memorandum – Immunology #34

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SUBJECT: Spotted Fever Group Rickettsia and Ehrlichia Antibody Testing

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Effective April 7, 2026 the Clinical Immunology Laboratory will reinstitute in-house testing for IgG antibody to Spotted Fever Group Rickettsia and *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*. This testing is currently referred to Mayo Medical Laboratories. Issues related to instrumentation have been addressed and in-house testing will now resume.

These tests can be ordered as part of the Tickborne Illness Panel (test ID O123900000). Please contact the Clinical Immunology Laboratory with any questions (984-974-1815).