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**Subject: Alpha Galactose (alphaGal) IgE Antibody Testing**

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Effective 11/09/2020 the Clinical Immunology Laboratory will offer in-house testing for IgE alpha-Gal antibodies. IgE alpha-Gal test results can aid in the detection of a patient's sensitization to the alpha-Gal carbohydrate found in mammalian (red) meat. IgE alpha-Gal testing will be performed using the FDA cleared Thermo Fisher Scientific's ImmunoCAP Specific IgE alpha-Gal test. This testing will replace the current sendout test to Mayo Medical Laboratories. Testing can be ordered using Alpha Gal IgE (LAB5127). Turn-around-time for test results is three to seven days.

For any questions, please contact the Clinical Immunology Laboratory at 984-974-1815.