





# **MICROBIOLOGICAL LABORATORY**



# Treponema pallidum Specific Antibody Test

Syphilis is a contagious systemic disease caused by the spirochete Treponema pallidum. The disease occurs in clinical stages, which are characterised by the production of reagins and anti-treponemal antibodies.

Many cases of syphilis remain undetected as symptoms mimic other more common conditions and in the early stages, do not cause significant discomfort to the individual. If left undiagnosed and untreated Syphilis causes significant complications including damage to the brain and heart.

### **CLINICAL MANIFESTATION**

Ulcerations of the uro-genital tract, mouth or rectum. There may be fever and general malaise, as well as hair loss and mild hepatitis in the later stages.

## WHO SHOULD BE SCREENED

- · Blood donors
- · Pregnant women
- Patients attending sexually transmitted infection clinics

#### NON TREPONEMAL TEST

Screening Purpose .1

VDRL & RPR .2

Non-specific antibody test .3

SLIDE Method .4

Manual, not automated.5

#### TREPONEMAL TEST

Confirmation Purpose .1

**PURPOSE** 

TP Specific Ab Test, TPHA .2

Specific antibody test .3

**SPECIFICIT** 

CLIA & ELISA method .4

**METHODOLOG** 

Automated .5

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