



# Quantiferon: TB Gold Plus

## STORE TUBES AT 2-8°C

Restore the tubes to room temperature for collection; to do this take the tubes out of the fridge for 20 minutes prior to filling.

### Draw order:

1. Grey tube marked 'Nil control'
2. Green tube marked 'TB1'
3. Yellow tube marked 'TB2'
4. Purple tube marked 'Mitogen'.

If other tests are requested, collect tubes in this order: Citrate, SST, Lithium Heparin, Quantiferon tubes (Grey, Green, Yellow, Purple), EDTA, PPT, Vacutec.

**Note:** the draw order for these four Quantiferon tubes remains the same, regardless of any other tubes that may be collected before or after them. If collecting by butterfly the QTB tubes are the first tubes to be collected. A 'discard' tube (SST) should be used to eliminate air in the tubing. Take care not to overfill tubes if using butterfly or needle and syringe.

**Collection instructions:** Tubes must be at room temperature at the time of collection. Collect 1ml of whole blood into each Quantiferon tube (the level must be within the black mark on the side of each tube).

**Immediately after adding blood to tubes, shake them 10 times just firmly enough to ensure that the entire inside of the tube has been coated with blood, to dissolve antigens on the tube walls.**

Store and transport specimens at room temperature 17-27°C

- Do not refrigerate or freeze specimens
- Do not centrifuge tubes.

### Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology Collection Staff

Bundle the four tubes together with a rubber band and place them in a **red urgent specimen bag** together with these instructions with the back of this page facing out.

**For sites not incubating tubes at regional lab:** Specimens must be

transported in a red urgent specimen bag at 17-27°C and reach the Taringa laboratory preferably within 6 hours of collection (up to a maximum of 14 hours).

### For sites incubating tubes at regional lab:

Specimens must reach the regional laboratory for incubation preferably within 6 hours of collection (up to a maximum of 14 hours). Process as per Serology test manual then store at 2-8°C. Transport to Taringa laboratory at ambient temperature in next dispatch.

### Medical Centres

Please contact your local laboratory for transport instructions.

**NOTE** This is a complex test, out of pocket fee applies: PCON QTB

Tests are performed at selected Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology collection centres. For the location and telephone number of your nearest collection centre, please visit [www.snp.com.au](http://www.snp.com.au) or telephone Patient Services Support on (07) 3377 8747. (freecall 1300 448 747 for callers outside Brisbane).



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# SRA: Do not separate

### Monday — 6.00 pm Friday

- send directly to Serology **URGENTLY**

### Friday 6.00 pm - Monday morning and Public Holidays

- send directly to Switch **URGENTLY**