Who we are

Majority owned by the NHS, but with the commercial freedom to invest in innovation, Viapath are on a mission to transform pathology services in the UK. We provide pathology services to the NHS, private hospitals and other organisations both across the country and internationally.

What we do

All of our laboratories are CPA accredited and are working towards the more stringent ISO15189 accreditation. We are committed to delivering a clinically excellent pathology service, placing quality at the core of everything we do.

TEST OVERVIEW

Description
The Paul Bunnell test is used to screen for infectious mononucleosis (IM), which is seen most commonly in adolescents and young adults. IM is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. This infects B-lymphocytes which subsequently produce a heterophile antibody which is identified through its reaction with the Paul Bunnell antigen and is detected by a latex agglutination method.

Related condition or disease
Infectious Mononucleosis; Glandular Fever

Reference range
n/a

Synonyms or keywords
IM, Monospot, Infectious Mononucleosis, Glandular Fever, Mono

Department
Blood Sciences Department

Laboratory
Haematology Laboratory at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital

Location
Viapath at St Thomas' Hospital

Clinical details
The Paul Bunnell test is not always positive in IM. For higher sensitivity please request an EBV IgM assay.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Sample type and Volume required
Whole blood / Serum

Turnaround time
1 day

Storage and transport
EDTA/SST

Contacts
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We have a number of partnering options to suit your needs, whether you require this specific test or a range of services, we are here to help. Contact one of our friendly Business Development Managers for more information, or visit our website.