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Modifications to the Toxoplasma IgG and IgM Serology Schemes

The results of a recent questionnaire sent to participants in the Toxoplasma Serology schemes regarding the combination of Toxoplasma IgG and IgM schemes demonstrated that participants unanimously agreed with the scheme modifications for the following reasons:

1. It would result in a more clinically relevant scheme since Toxoplasma IgG and IgM serology is not generally performed in isolation.
2. The interpretative comments provided by the Toxoplasma Reference Laboratories would be more pertinent to the clinical histories provided as they would not be exclusive to either IgG or IgM.

It has been decided to pursue the scheme modifications and information regarding the changes is as follows:

- Launch date for the combined Toxoplasma scheme will be April 2012
- Four distributions per year will be sent
- Each distribution will contain 3 specimens.
- Specimens will continue to be supplied as serum samples.
- The analytes requested will be:
 - Toxoplasma IgG antibodies
 - Toxoplasma IgM antibodies
 - Toxoplasma IgG avidity
- The scheme will also allow interpretation of results.
- Participants will be requested to undertake Toxoplasma serology examination of each specimen according to their routine laboratory practice.
- Country specific performance will continue to be available where there are more than 10 participants in a country.
- There will continue to be a three week period for participants reporting results

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