

## Re: Using IGeneX Urine Tests

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pmerv@direcway.com wrote:

> Susan wrote:

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> Readers should be aware that these tests have not been independently  
> validated and/or replicated by those with no financial interest in the  
> outcome.

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> This is true. So what choices do we have?

We have the option of not steering the topic of conversation to posts promoting a commercial lab once a week!

> C6 peptide test? (misses 30%)

> ELISA test is only 65-70% sensitive

> Western blot, CDC criteria? Engstrom et al ran 5 tests on each patient

> and still the sensitivity was low. If they had utilized two-tier

> testing, they would have missed even more true cases. (Imagine

> insurance paying for \*5\* tests!)

> Twenty to thirty percent of patients are seronegative anyway.

> PCRs are accepted in other diseases.

> All CLIA labs have to do proficiency testing five times a year.

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> By all means go with any approved lab but at least choose one that will

> report all bands on WB at least if requested, remembering that the

> sensitivity of WB is based on the patient having free antibody, which

> not all do.

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> "Smacking of advertising" or not, I will attempt to find answers to

> Weisman's additional questions, but don't hold your breath.

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I don't read his posts, he's in my kill file with all the other aliases and nutjobs.

sci.med.diseases.lyme: Re: Using IGeneX Urine Tests

If he's giving you an excuse to continue an advertising campaign, he's even stupider than I thought.

Susan