

Re: Using IGeneX Urine Tests

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Susan wrote:

> *x-no-archive: yes*

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> *pmerv@direcway.com* wrote:

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>> *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?*

>> *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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- > *The problem is, Phyllis, that you have a fresh subject line, a new*
- > *thread _begun by you_, that is NOT a reply nor does it quote another*
- > *poster. It reads like magazine or newspaper ad copy.*
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- > *The other problem is that you are abusing your role as a non-profit*
- > *support organization leader by promoting *fiercely* one commercial*
- > *interest, one who has been financially generous to you.*
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- > *There are no reliable diagnostic tests for tick borne disease, to*
- > *suggest that this one lab is better than another is self serving.*
- > *It's a mutual back scratch that has no place on a non-commercial*
- usenet
- > *group.*
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- > *All labs should be judged by the same standards, whether owned by*
- friends
- > *or foes.*
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- > *Susan*