

## Laboratory Services

### Important Test Announcement

#### UPDATES TO HLH CYTOKINE URGENT PANEL AND HLH CYTOKINE ROUTINE PANEL

On 3/4/2025, the HLH Cytokine Urgent Panel (**DILHLU**) will be updated to include CXCL9 (CXCL9U) in addition to the current IL-18 and sIL-2R. In addition, the routine HLH Cytokine Panel (DILHLH) will no longer be offered. The **DILHLU** panel should be ordered for all HLH panel orders.

Please note that the stability of DILHLU samples has changed with the addition of this test:

	Previous Stability	New Stability
Room temp Whole blood	24 hours	2 hours
Frozen serum	7 days	48 hours

**Test Code:** **DILHLU**

**Live Date:** **3/4/2025**

**Methodology:** PCR-based immunoassay & Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)

**Performed:** As needed

**Turnaround Time:** 24 hours

**Specimen Required:**

- **Collect :** 3 mL Red tube (no anticoagulant), No Gel
- **Specimen Volume:** 2 mL
- **Specimen Preparation:** N/A
- **Storage/Transport/Temperature/Conditions:** Transport to laboratory as soon as possible at room temperature
- **Unacceptable Conditions:**
  - Not centrifuged within time frame
  - Not frozen within specified time frame
  - Collected in tube with gel separator
  - Thawed frozen specimen
  - Wrong collection tube
- **Stability:**
  - Whole blood: 2 hours
  - Frozen serum: 48 hours
- **Comments:**
  - N/A

If you have any additional questions about **DILHLU**, please refer to the Laboratory Test Directory or call Client Services at 614-722-5477.