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Dear Stony Brook Lyme Laboratory Clients,

We are excited to announce that beginning October 2, 2023 the Stony Brook Lyme Disease Laboratory will be adding to its test menu the newly FDA-cleared Viralab Borrelia B31 ViraChip IgM and IgG protein microarray immunoblot (MIB) for the detection of IgM and IgG antibodies to Borrelia burgdorferi in human serum. This test system offers highly sensitive and specific result interpretation using CDC recommended antigens demonstrated and evaluated by the use of a scanner and powerful immunoblot interpretative software.

A centrifuged serum collection tube is required to be received within 10 days of specimen collection. Hemolyzed, lipemic, icteric, unspun and samples >10 days may have adverse effects in the performance of this test and therefore will be rejected. Each Immunoblot (IgM & IgG), CPT Code 86617 (x2), is $191 (x2) for a total charge of $382.

New downloadable requisition forms will be available on our website at [www.stonybrooklymelab.org](http://www.stonybrooklymelab.org) Please discard any old forms that you may have, we will be happy to send our new requisition form or use the above website address and click on “Lyme Disease Test Request Form” to download the most current requisition form.

We greatly appreciated your continued business and patience as we transition our testing menu. We are committed to provide our clients with the most advanced methods in the detection of Lyme disease antibodies.

If you should have any further questions please feel free to call the Lyme Lab at (631) 444-3824, EST Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30 pm.

Sincerely,

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