

False positives:

A result that is erroneously positive when a situation is normal.

A positive test result in a subject that does not possess the attribute for which the test is being conducted.

A test result that shows evidence of a disease or an abnormal condition although it (the condition being tested for) is not present.

False negatives:

A result that is erroneously negative when a situation is abnormal.

A negative test result when the attribute for which the subject is being tested actually exists in that subject.

A test result that shows no evidence of the disease or abnormality being investigated although the condition is actually present.