

Laboratory Medicine - Test Information Guide

CSF for HSV by PCR

Alternate Name: Herpes Virus -1 & -2

Department: Molecular Microbiology

STAT Test Available: Y Refer to [SCI-5.7.15.1.0](#)

TAT (Days): Positive Result 1 working day Monday - Friday
Negative Result 1 working day Monday – Friday
Same day result if received by 12 noon

Specimen Type: CSF collected by LP, ventriculostomy, or ommaya fluid in a sterile screw top container

Collection Information & Patient Prep:

- For Adults, neonatal and children <= 12 yrs with a diagnosis of HSV encephalitis or meningitis.
- Refer to [SCI-5.7.15.2.10](#)

Methodology:

Requisition:

Critical Result Ranges:

Testing Referred To:

Sample Volume: 0.25 mL

Unit of Measure:

Image:

Reference Ranges: