

## Laboratory Medicine - Test Information Guide

### CSF for Viral PCR Testing

Alternate Name: CMV, VZV, JCV, EBV, HHV-6, HHV-7

Department: Molecular Microbiology

STAT Test Available: Y

TAT (Days):

Specimen Type: CSF collection in CSF collection tubes

Collection Information & Patient Prep:

- For Neonatal and children to 12 yrs only with a diagnosis of viral encephalitis
- Indicate the virus to be tested
- Refer to [SC15.7.15.2.10](#)
- Note: HSV1 and HSV2 are tested in-house. Refer to CSF for HSV by PCR
- Requires approval by a Medical Microbiologist.
- Store in 4C refrigerator

Methodology:

Requisition: Sick Kids Molecular Microbiology Referred-in VIRAL Requisition

Critical Result Ranges:

Testing Referred To: The Hospital for Sick Children

Sample Volume: 200-300 L

Unit of Measure:

Image:

Reference Ranges: