

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Molecular Microbiology

Enterovirus and Parechovirus PCR

Encephalitis, meningitis

General information

Collection container (including preservatives): CE marked leak proof container

Specimen type: EDTA blood, CSF, Swab, Faeces, Respiratory samples

Specimen transport: Ambient or refrigerated

Minimum volume of sample: Minimum 500µl

Special precautions: If processing is delayed, refrigeration is preferable to storage at ambient temperature. Delays of over 48hr are undesirable.

Laboratory information

Measurement units: Threshold cycle (CT)

Turnaround time for provisional result (working days): 3 days

Turnaround time to final result (working days): 4 days

Clinical information

Clinical decision points: Not applicable

Factors known to significantly affect the results: None known

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