

Reporting Title: Herpes Simplex Virus, PCR, CSF
Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

Supplies: Sarstedt Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T914)

Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 0.2 mL

Collection Instructions:

- 1. Submit from second spinal fluid collection vial.
- 2. Transfer into aliquot vial using sterile technique.
- 3. Do not centrifuge or heat inactivate.

Additional Information:

- 1. The high sensitivity of amplification by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) requires the specimen to be processed in an environment in which contamination of the specimen by herpes simplex virus DNA is not likely.
- 2. Specimens that are received with less than the minimum volume required for all testing requested will be canceled.

Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Microbiology Test Request](#) (T244) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
CSF	Refrigerated (preferred)	7 days	
	Frozen	7 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
36858	HSV 1 PCR, C	Alphanumeric		16952-4
36859	HSV 2 PCR, C	Alphanumeric		16960-7

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87529 x 2

87529 (if appropriate for government payers)

Reference Values:

Negative