

Reporting Title: Free-living Amebae Detection, PCR
Performing Location: Rochester

Necessary Information:
Specimen source is required.

Specimen Requirements:
Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Spinal fluid
Container/Tube: Sterile container
Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL
Collection Instructions: Send vial number 2.

Specimen Type: Tissue: Fresh
Sources: Brain, skin, lung
Container/Tube: Sterile container
Specimen Volume: 5 to 10 mm
Collection Instructions: Submit tissue in a sterile container with 1 mL of sterile saline or minimal essential media (MEM).

Preferred: Paraffin-embedded tissue block:
Supplies: Tissue Block Container (T553)
Specimen Type: Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block (FFPE)
Sources: Brain, skin, lung
Container/Tube: Tissue block
Collection Instructions: Submit a FFPE tissue block to be cut and returned.

Acceptable: Paraffin-embedded tissue block:
Specimen Type: Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block (FFPE)
Sources: Brain, skin, lung
Container/Tube: Sterile container for each individual cut section (scroll).
Collection Instructions: Perform microtomy and prepare five separate 10-micron sections. **Each section (scroll) must be placed in a separate sterile container for submission.**

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

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

Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
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FLARP	SSFLA	Specimen Source	Plain Text	Yes
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Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
SSFLA	Specimen Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
38061	Acanthamoeba species PCR	Alphanumeric		41429-2
38063	Balamuthia mandrillaris PCR	Alphanumeric		41432-6
38062	Naegleria fowleri PCR	Alphanumeric		87758-9

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Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87798 x 3
87999 (if appropriate for government payers)

Reference Values:

Negative