

Reporting Title: Bartonella PCR, B
Performing Location: Rochester

Ordering Guidance:
If this test result is negative and there is a strong suspicion of disease caused by these organisms, consider BART / Bartonella Antibody Panel, IgG and IgM, Serum and Warthin-Starry tissue stain (PATHC / Pathology Consultation) testing.

Specimen Requirements:
The high sensitivity of amplification by polymerase chain reaction requires the specimen to be processed in an environment in which contamination of the specimen by Bartonella species DNA is unlikely.

Container/Tube:
Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA)
Acceptable: Royal blue top (EDTA), pink top (EDTA), or sterile vial containing EDTA-derived aliquot
Specimen Volume: 1 mL
Collection Instructions: Send specimen in original tube (preferred).

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

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Whole Blood EDTA	Refrigerated (preferred)	7 days	
	Ambient	7 days	
	Frozen	7 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
SRC98	Specimen Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
56056	Bartonella PCR	Alphanumeric		16275-0

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

Supplemental Report:
No

CPT Code Information:
87801

Reference Values:
Not applicable