

Reporting Title: Powassan Virus, PCR, Blood**Performing Location:** Rochester**Ordering Guidance:**

The Powassan virus polymerase chain reaction result may remain positive for a longer time in urine than in blood, serum, and cerebrospinal fluid (7 days or more).

Specimen Requirements:

Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA)

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Collection Instructions: Send whole blood specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot.

Specimen Minimum Volume:

0.3 mL

Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Microbiology Test Request (T732) with the specimen.

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

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
617488	Lineage 1	Alphanumeric		34456-4
618144	Lineage 2 (Deer Tick Virus)	Alphanumeric		34456-4
618148	Powassan Virus PCR Comment	Alphanumeric		77202-0

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87798

Reference Values:

Negative