Orderable – PARASRO
Turnaround Time:  42 days

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Please review the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Test Information Index:

Cysticercosis Serology

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<td>Serum</td>
<td>1.0 mL</td>
<td>Vacutainer tube, Gold SST</td>
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<td>CSF (cerebrospinal fluid)*</td>
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*CSF sample paired with Serum sample is recommended if Neurocysticercosis is suspected

An acute (collected early after the onset of symptoms) and a convalescent (collected 2-3 weeks later) may be required for laboratory diagnosis.

Critical Information Required:

Ensure the Public Health Laboratory Requisition includes the following:

- Symptoms
- Date of onset

Specify Cysticercosis in the Specimen Description field when placing order in PowerChart and on Public Health Laboratory Requisition.

Special Processing:

PARASRO must be ordered in lab or by Infectious Disease Service.

Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be refrigerated.
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.