

CYSTICERCOSIS
SEROLOGY

Orderable – PARASRO

Turnaround Time: 42 days

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Please review the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Test Information Index:

Cysticercosis Serology

Specimen Type	Minimum Volume	Collection Kit
Serum	1.0 mL	Vacutainer tube, Gold SST
CSF (cerebrospinal fluid)*	1.0 mL	Sterile Container

*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.



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
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This requisition **MUST**
accompany the specimen



Method of Analysis:
Immunoblot (IB)



Test Schedule:
Referred out weekdays



Referred to:
National Reference
Centre for Parasitology
1001 Decarie Blvd.
Montreal, Quebec
H4A 3J1