

HIV VIRAL LOAD

Orderable – HIVLOAD

Turnaround Time: Up to 6 days

Specimen and Collection Information:

Please review the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Test Information Index:

HIV Viral Load

Specimen Type	Minimum Volume	Collection Kit
Whole blood	2 x 4mL	EDTA (lavender) vacutainer tubes
Plasma	2.5 mL frozen plasma	Sterile screw capped vial



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
[HIV Viral Load Requisition](#)
This requisition **MUST**
accompany the specimen



Method of Analysis:
RT PCR



Test Schedule:
Referred out weekdays



Referred to:
Public Health Laboratory
1200 Commissioners Rd E
London, Ontario
519-455-9310

Critical Information Required:

Ensure a Public Health Laboratory HIV Viral Load Requisition accompanies the sample. Include treatment information if applicable.

Public Health Laboratory Requisition must be filled out completely or testing will not be performed.

Special Processing:

Specimen must be received in lab within 6 hours of collection.

Sample must be spun, separated and frozen within 6 hours. Document time on the accompanying requisition.

Comments:

This assay is not intended to be used as a screening test for HIV-1 or as a diagnostic test to confirm the presence of HIV-1 infection.

Storage and Shipment:

Must be received in lab within 6 hours of collection.