Orderable - RMSF
Turnaround Time: Up to 10 days

Alternate Name(s):
Rocky mountain Spotted Fever
Murine Typhus

Specimen Type and Collection Information:
Please review the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Test Information Index:

Rickettsia - Serology

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<td>Whole blood or serum</td>
<td>5.0 mL whole blood or 1.0 mL serum</td>
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An acute (collected early after the onset of symptoms) and a convalescent (collected 2-4 weeks later) may be required for laboratory diagnosis.

Critical Information Required:
Ensure the Public Health Laboratory Requisition includes the following:
- Clinical symptoms
- Exposure
- Onset date

Storage and Shipment:
The specimen must be refrigerated.
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection