Orderable – PCARN
Turnaround Time: 1 day

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

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<th>Specimen Type</th>
<th>Minimum Volume</th>
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<td>Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)</td>
<td>1 mL</td>
<td>Sterile Container</td>
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<td>Bronchial Washing</td>
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<td>Induced Sputum</td>
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BAL is superior to bronchial washing.

Expectorated sputum samples are not acceptable.

**Tissues/biopsies are not processed for Pneumocystis by the Microbiology Laboratory. Please submit fixed tissue/biopsy to Pathology. State "Examination for Pneumocystis required"**

To requests Pneumocystis PCR, page the Microbiologist on-call for approval.

**Interpretive Comments:**

A negative result does not exclude infection with Pneumocystis.

**Storage and Shipment:**

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