**Orderable - ARBOPCR**

**Turnaround Time:** 28 days

**Specimen Type and Collection Information:**

Please review the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Test Information Index:

*Western Equine Encephalitis*

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**Special Processing:**

Testing must be approved by the Microbiologist on-call.

**Critical Information Required:**

Ensure the Arbovirus Information Intake form includes the following:
- Relevant travel history
- Onset date

Specify *Western Equine* in the *Specimen Description* field when placing order in PowerChart and on the Arbovirus Information Intake form.

**Storage and Shipment:**

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