EBV PCR

Orderable – QEBV
Turnaround Time: 3-5 days

Alternate Name(s):
Quantitative Epstein Barr Virus
Epstein Barr Virus PCR (Viral Load)

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

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<td>Blood (EDTA) Lavender top Vacutainer</td>
<td>Blood collected with EDTA anticoagulant (lavender-top tube) is required. A minimum of 500ul plasma must be submitted, more than 1ml is recommended for multiple tests</td>
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<td>CSF</td>
<td>Submit a minimum of 300ul for one test in sterile container. Ensure submission of adequate sample volume if multiple tests are required.</td>
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Special Processing:
EBV test is available for transplant patients only. Tests will not be performed more than once in a 7-day period.

For Specimen Receiving:
After 9 pm: Centrifuge and aliquot plasma. Refrigerate and send to Microbiology the following morning.

Special Processing:

Blood (EDTA): Tubes MUST be spun, separated and stored at 4°C for shipment the next morning if there is a delay of ≥4 hours in transport to the Microbiology Laboratory. If there is a delay of more than 24 hours, plasma MUST be frozen at -80°C.

All other specimen types: must be received within 24 hours and should be stored at 4°C as soon as possible following collection.