

# Botulism

## Synonyms

Clostridium botulinum neurotoxin.

## Clinical Indication

Investigations of botulism (C.botulinum food poisoning).

The laboratory **MUST** be contacted first to discuss the appropriateness of the investigation.

## Part of Profile / See Also

Detection of the toxin of Clostridium botulinum in food products.

## Request Form

Combined Pathology manual request form or ICE request.

## Availability / Frequency of Analysis

Referred test: Available on request during normal working hours. [Sent to Colindale \(BRD\) 8197](#)

## Turnaround Time

7-10 days.

## Patient Preparation

## Sample Requirements

### Specimen Type

Suspect food products.

### Volume

### Container

40ml sterile container.

## Reference Range & Units

## Interferences

## Interpretation & Clinical

No interpretation comments. Use the Reference Lab comments if provided.

## Decision Value (if applicable)

## References

## Test code

## Lab Handling

Store at 4°C. Send to the reference laboratory as soon as possible.



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