

Viral PCR for Infections other than Herpes Simplex

Synonyms

Appropriate Viral PCR

Clinical Indication

Please give detailed clinical information, including date of onset/contact with the suspected infection.

Part of Profile / See Also

PCR for the detection of viruses from: nose swabs, throat swabs, genital swabs, vesicular lesions, respiratory aspirates, Faeces, biopsy and post mortem tissues.

Request Form

[ICE order comms form \(Handwritten request – only if order comms not available\)](#).

Availability / Frequency of Analysis

Referred test: Analysed at Microbiology Pathology First or Micropathology 9622 as appropriate.

On request during routine working hours.

Turnaround Time

[Within 10 days.](#)

Patient Preparation

None

Sample Requirements

Specimen Type

- Faeces: a walnut sized portion should be submitted in a stool container.
- Swabs: special viral swabs complete with transportation tube are available from the Pathology Department on request.
- Urine (children only): urine samples for Cytomegalovirus (CMV) must be collected into a PLAIN universal container (white cap) and sent to the Microbiology Laboratory as soon as possible.
- Tissue: Samples must be sent directly to the Microbiology Laboratory and always kept cool. Do NOT add formalin to the tissue.

Volume

Container



[Swab in Viral Transport Medium \(VTM\) tube.](#)



[White capped sterile container.](#)

Samples should be transported to laboratory immediately.

Reference Range & Units

Interferences

Interpretation & Clinical

Decision Value (if applicable)

References

Test code

Lab Handling

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

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Samples sent to the reference laboratory as soon as possible.



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