


Coventry

## Cat Scratch

<b>Synonyms</b>	Bartonella PCR
<b>Clinical Indication</b>	<p>Discuss with consultant microbiologist before submitting sample for testing.</p> <p>Please give detailed clinical information including date of onset/contact with the suspected infection; travel history and any current, or intended, antibiotic therapy.</p>
<b>Part of Profile / See Also</b>	Detection of Bartonella genus PCR as appropriate according to the clinical information received
<b>Request Form</b>	Combined Pathology manual Blood form, Electronic requesting (ICE or Medway)
<b>Availability / Frequency of Analysis</b>	Analysed by <a href="#">Micropathology Ltd. Coventry</a>
<b>Turnaround Time</b>	2 -3 days
<b>Patient Preparation</b>	None
<b>Sample Requirements</b>	
<b>Specimen Type</b>	EDTA whole blood
<b>Volume</b>	5 ml
<b>Container</b>	 <p>EDTA Blood tube</p>
	<b>Samples should be transported to laboratory immediately</b>
<b>Reference Range &amp; Units</b>	
<b>Interferences</b>	Grossly haemolysed, contaminated or highly lipaemic samples
<b>Interpretation &amp; Clinical Decision Value (if applicable)</b>	n/a
<b>References</b>	
<b>Test code</b>	CAT
<b>Lab Handling</b>	Aliquot and store at 2-8°C.