

HOTLINE: Effective February 1, 2021

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**Epstein-Barr Virus by Qualitative PCR**

**EBVPCR**

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Lavender (K<sub>2</sub>EDTA), Pink (K<sub>2</sub>EDTA), or Serum Separator Tube (SST). Also acceptable: Bone marrow aspirate in Lavender (K<sub>2</sub>EDTA) or Pink (K<sub>2</sub>EDTA), **OR** CSF or tissue.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 1 mL whole blood, bone marrow or CSF to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL)

**Serum or Plasma:** Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum, plasma to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL)

**Tissue:** Transfer to sterile container and freeze immediately.

Storage/Transport Temperature: **Whole Blood or Bone Marrow:** Refrigerated.

**All others:** Frozen.

Remarks: Specimen source required.

Unacceptable Conditions: Heparinized specimens, **tissues in optimal cutting temperature compound.**

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **Whole Blood or Bone Marrow:** Ambient: 1 week; Refrigerated: 1 week; Frozen: 1 week

**Fresh Tissue:** Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 1 year

**All others:** Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 5 days; Frozen: 1 year