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***Bartonella* Species by PCR**

BART DNA

Specimen Required: Collect: Lavender (EDTA), pink (K₂EDTA) or serum separator tube. Also acceptable: CSF or tissue.

Specimen Preparation: Separate serum or plasma from cells. Transfer 1 mL serum, plasma, whole blood, or CSF to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL). OR Tissue: Transfer to a sterile container and freeze immediately.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Whole blood: Refrigerated. All others: Frozen.

Remarks: Specimen source required.

Unacceptable Conditions: **Tissues in optimal cutting temperature compound.**

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **Whole Blood:** Ambient: 7 days; Refrigerated: 7 days; Frozen: 7 days.

Tissue: Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 1 month.

All Others: Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 5 days; Frozen: 1 month.