

**TEST CHANGE**

**Meningitis/Encephalitis Panel by PCR**

2013305, MEFAP

<b>Specimen Requirements:</b>	
Patient Preparation:	N/A
Collect:	CSF
Specimen Preparation:	Transfer 0.5 mL CSF to a sterile ARUP <del>standard transport tube</del> <b>Standard Transport Tube</b> (ARUP supply #43115) available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect(TM) or contact ARUP Client Services at (800-)522-2787. (Min: 0.25 mL) Do not centrifuge.
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Unacceptable Conditions:	N/A
Remarks:	N/A
Stability:	Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 1 week; Frozen: <del>1 week</del> <b>Unacceptable</b>
Methodology:	Qualitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Note:	This panel includes <i>Cryptococcus neoformans/gattii</i> , Cytomegalovirus (CMV), Enterovirus, <i>Escherichia coli</i> K1, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , Herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV-1), Herpes simplex virus 2 (HSV-2), Human herpesvirus 6 (HHV-6), Human parechovirus, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> , <i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> , <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , Varicella-zoster virus (VZV).
CPT Codes:	87483
New York DOH Approval Status:	This test is New York DOH approved.
<b>Interpretive Data:</b>	
The meningitis/encephalitis panel is NOT a replacement for CSF bacterial and/or fungal culture and Cryptococcal antigen testing for at-risk patients. Non-K1 <i>E. coli</i> serotypes and <del>nonencapsulated</del> <b>non-encapsulated</b> strains of <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> are NOT detected. The panel does NOT differentiate active from latent herpes virus infections. Test results should be interpreted in the context of host factors and other laboratory information.	
<b>Reference Interval:</b>	
<del>Not Detected</del>	

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