

NEW TEST

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Histoplasma and Blastomyces by PCR

3016795, HIBL PCR

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:

Collect: Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), sputum, or tissue

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 2 mL bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) or sputum to a sterile container (min: 1.2 mL). Tissue: Transfer to a sterile container and freeze immediately.

Transport Temperature: Frozen

Unacceptable Conditions: Formalin-fixed paraffin embedded tissue

Remarks: Specimen source required

Stability: Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 14 days; Frozen: 14 days

Methodology: Qualitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Performed: Sun-Sat

Reported: 1-3 days

Note: This test detects *Histoplasma capsulatum* and detects but does not differentiate *Blastomyces dermatitidis* and *Blastomyces gilchristii*.

CPT Codes: 87798 x2

New York DOH Approval Status: Specimens from New York clients will be sent out to a New York DOH approved laboratory, if possible.

Interpretive Data:

Reference Interval:

Test Number	Components	Reference Interval

HOTLINE NOTE: Refer to the Hotline Test Mix for interface build information.