

Toxoplasma gondii DNA, Qualitative Real-Time PCR

Order Name: **TOXO PCR**

Test Number: 5592225

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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Toxoplasma gondii DNA, Qualitative Real-Time PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction/Real Time	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	1 mL (0.2mL)	Whole Blood	EDTA (Lavender Top)	Refrigerated
Alternate 1	1 mL (0.2mL)	Whole Blood	ACD Solution A or B (Yellow Top)	Refrigerated
Alternate 2	1 mL (0.2mL)	CSF (Cerebrospinal Fluid)	Sterile Screwtop Container	Refrigerated
Instructions	<p><b>Specimen Type:</b> Sterile container (CSF), lavender-top (EDTA) tube, OR yellow-top (ACD) tube</p> <p><b>Specimen Storage:</b> Whole blood is STABLE at room temperature or refrigerated for seven days; DO NOT freeze. CSF is STABLE at room temperature or refrigerated for seven days, FROZEN for 90 days. refrigerated for 14 day and FROZEN for 90 days.</p> <p><b>Specimen Collection:</b> To avoid delays in turnaround time when requesting multiple tests on frozen samples, PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FROZEN SPECIMENS FOR EACH TEST REQUESTED.</p> <p><b>Specimen Stability:</b> Ambient: Not Available, Refrigerated : Not Available, Frozen: Not Available</p>			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	Tue, Fri
Expected TAT	1-5 days
Clinical Use	Toxoplasma gondii, an obligate intracellular parasite, is an important opportunistic pathogen of immunosuppressed patients. In AIDS patients and transplant patients, this infection may result in a life-threatening encephalitis. T. gondii can also cause a fatal infection of the fetus if an infection is acquired during pregnancy. Fetal death or major abnormalities such as blindness and mental retardation may occur when infection is acquired during the first trimester. PCR methods may be useful in identifying T. gondii in CSF of immunosuppressed patients or in the amniotic fluid of mothers thought to be recently infected.
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CPT Code(s)	87798
Lab Section	Reference Lab