

***Bartonella* ePCRTM**

- **Single Blood Draw: 4ml whole blood (EDTA)**



One whole blood sample is collected aseptically on one day and submitted directly.

- **Triple Blood Draw: 3 x 4ml whole blood (EDTA)**

Three whole blood samples from one patient are collected aseptically every other day over a 5-7 day period, stored in the refrigerator, and submitted all at once.



- **Non-blood fluids: 3 ml fluid**

Fluid samples should be aseptically collected in a sterile tube with no additives (e.g., red top tube) and submitted directly. Fluid samples include: joint fluid, cerebrospinal fluid, pericardial effusions, etc. Samples may be stored in refrigerator for up to two weeks or frozen for up to two months prior to shipping.

- **Lymph node aspirates: 3 ml fluid**

Following aseptic sample collection, samples should be placed in sealed sterile container and submitted directly. Lymph node aspirates may be injected into 1ml sterile saline in red top tube (no additives). Samples may be stored in refrigerator for up to two weeks or frozen for up to two months prior to shipping.

- **Fresh/frozen biopsy tissue: 0.5 - 1 gram tissue**

Following aseptic sample collection, fresh/frozen biopsy tissue (min 0.5 to 1 gram) may be placed in sterile tube (no additives) and hydrated with 1ml sterile saline. Samples may be stored in refrigerator for up to two weeks or frozen for up to two months prior to shipping.

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- **Serology Panel: 1 ml serum**

Serum should be collected in SST (tiger top or red top) and spun in a centrifuge prior to submission.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ Label each tube/container with patient name, specimen collection date, and specimen type (if applicable).
- ✓ Log clinic, patient, and sample details on test request form and choose appropriate test.
- ✓ Samples can be refrigerated for up to two weeks prior to shipping.
- ✓ Ship according to enclosed shipping instructions.
- ✓ Do not ship Friday or prior to holidays. Do not ship via USPS as they do not deliver to our location.
- ✓ Do not use drop boxes. We recommend calling courier for pickup.