

**VARICELLA ZOSTER VIRUS (VZV), CEREBROSPINAL FLUID (CSF), DNA PCR
14501/LAB14501**

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective March 21, 2022, a new test available for the detection of Varicella zoster virus (VZV) in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples will be available for order; Varicella zoster virus (VZV), cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), DNA PCR (14501/LAB14501).

DETAILS

Varicella zoster virus (VZV), cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), DNA PCR-14501

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Test name: Varicella zoster virus (VZV), cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), DNA PCR
Test number: 14501
Excellian order number: LAB14501

Abbreviation: VZVCSF
Alternate names: VZV
Useful for: This assay is used for the detection of Varicella zoster virus (VZV) DNA in cerebrospinal fluid.

Limitations: Results from this test must be considered in conjunction with the clinical history, epidemiological data and other laboratory information available to the clinician evaluating the patient.

Negative results do not rule out VZV infections of the CNS and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or other patient management decisions.

False-negative results may occur if the viruses are present at a level that is below the analytical sensitivity of the assay or if the virus has genomic mutations, insertions, deletions, or rearrangements or if performed very early in the course of illness.

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Specimen type: Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
Collection container: Sterile vial/container

Volume: 0.5 mL
Minimum volume: 0.2 mL
Transport and stability: Frozen (*strict*) – 30 days
Refrigerated – *NO*
Ambient – *NO*

Reason for rejection:

- Specimen that has grossly leaked in transit
- Specimen submitted in an improper collection/transport device
- non-CSF specimens

QUESTIONS: Contact your Allina Health Laboratory account representative, or our Client Services department