



Meningitis/ Encephalitis Panel

Test Includes:	Bacteria
	<i>Escherichia coli K1</i>
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>
	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
	<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>
	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>
	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
	Viruses
	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)
	Enterovirus
	Human herpesvirus 6 (HHV-6)
	Herpes simplex virus 1(HSV-1)
	Herpes simplex virus 2(HSV-2)
	Human parechovirus
	Varicella-zoster virus (VZV)
	Fungi
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans/gattii</i>	
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Screw cap sterile tube
Minimum Volume Required:	1.0 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day
	Stat: Yes
Turnaround Time:	< 2 hours
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	

Reference Range:	Negative
Critical Value:	Any positive result
CPT Code:	87798x8, 87529x2, 87653,87496,87498,87532
Testing Methodology:	Film Array
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	The Film Array ME Panel tests CSF for the 14 most common pathogens responsible for community acquired meningitis or encephalitis including viruses, bacteria and yeast. With sample preparation, amplification, detection and analysis in one automated system.