

## Overview

**Method Name**

Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)

**NY State Available**

Yes

## Specimen

**Specimen Type**

CSF

**Specimen Required**

**Specimen Type:** Spinal Fluid

**Sources:** CSF

**Container/Tube:** Sterile container

**Specimen Volume:** 1 mL

**Collection Instructions:** Submit 1 mL of spinal fluid (CSF) in a sterile, plastic screw-cap vial. Refrigerate specimen after collection and ship at refrigerate temperature.

**Specimen Minimum Volume**

0.1 mL

**Reject Due To**

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Gross lipemia	Reject
Gross icteric	Reject
Other	Bacterially contaminated specimens

**Specimen Stability Information**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
CSF	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Ambient	7 days	
	Frozen	30 days	

## Clinical & Interpretive

**Clinical Information**

*Cysticercosis* Antibody (IgG), ELISA, CSF-*Cysticercosis* is a tissue infection with larval (*cysticercus*) cysts of the pork tapeworm, *Taenia solium* in which the patient serves as an intermediate host for the parasite. The most common manifestation is neurocysticercosis which occurs when the larvae invade the central nervous system, often presenting as seizures, or chronic meningitis. Antibodies directed against other parasitic infections, particularly echinococcosis, may cross-react in the cysticercus IgG ELISA. Confirmation of positive cysticercus ELISA results by IgG antibody western blot is recommended.

**Reference Values**

Reference Range: <0.75

Interpretive Criteria:

<0.75 Antibody Not Detected  
> or =0.75 Antibody Detected

Diagnosis of central nervous system infections can be accomplished by demonstrating the presence of intrathecally-produced specific antibody. Interpretation of results may be complicated by low antibody levels found in CSF, passive transfer of antibody from blood, and contamination via bloody taps. Antibodies to other parasitic infections, particularly echinococcosis, may crossreact in the cysticercus IgG ELISA. Confirmation of positive ELISA results by the cysticercus IgG antibody Western blot is thus recommended.

**Performance****PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Tuesday, Friday

**Report Available**

9 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

6 weeks

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Quest Diagnostics

**Fees & Codes****Fees**

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**CPT Code Information**

86682

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
FCAEC	Cysticercus Ab (IgG), ELISA, CSF	35391-2
Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
Z5676	Cysticercus Ab (IgG), ELISA, CSF	35391-2