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## West Nile Virus, RNA, PCR, Molecular Detection, Spinal Fluid

**Test ID:** WNCSF

### Explanation:

This test will become non-orderable, effective immediately due to reagent backorder. An update will be provided when testing resumes. CSF specimens received at MCL during this test down will be changed to recommended alternative test below.

### Recommended Alternative Test:

## West Nile Virus by PCR

**Test ID:** ZW83

**Referral lab Code:** 45315

**Methods:** Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction

**Reference Values:** Negative

### Specimen Requirements:

**Specimen Type:** CSF  
**Collection Container:** Sterile leak-proof container  
**Specimen Volume:** 0.7 mL  
**Minimum volume:** 0.3 mL

**Specimen Type:** Serum  
**Collection Container:** Red-top / Serum Separator  
**Specimen Volume:** 0.7 mL  
**Minimum volume:** 0.3 mL

### Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Varies	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days
	Frozen	30 days

**CPT Code:** 87798

**Day(s) Performed:** Mon-Sat

**Analytic Time:** 1-2 days

**NYS Approved:** No

**Price:** \$185.00

**Questions:**

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