



PNEUMOCYSTIS JIROVECI (FORMERLY P. CARINII) MICROSCOPY

Synonym(s): PCP Microscopy

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Lab Section Category	Bacteriology/Mycology/Parasitology - Parasites & Other Investigations Click here to find out more about the write-up (/Clinical-Departments-Centers/Pathology/Pathology-Handbook/Lab-Discipline-Special-Instructions/pages/bacteriology-mycology-parasitology.aspx).
Specimen Required	Bronchoalveolar lavage. Induced sputum is acceptable, provided it is correctly done by well-trained staff using 3% hypertonic saline; it is nevertheless less sensitive than BAL.
Method	Silver Stain; Immunofluorescence using Monoclonal Antibodies
Test Result	<i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> seen; No <i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> seen
Turnaround Time	4 – 24 hours
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday - Saturday

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