



## VARICELLA-ZOSTER VIRUS (VZV) PCR (QUALITATIVE)

### Synonym(s):

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<b>Lab Section Category</b>	<b>Molecular Diagnostics - Microbiology</b> Click here to find out more about the <b>write-up</b> ( <a href="/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/moleculardiagnosics.aspx">/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/moleculardiagnosics.aspx</a> ).
<b>Indications</b>	For detection of Varicella zoster viral DNA.
<b>Specimen Required</b>	(a) Swab: Use only Dacron-tipped swabs. Swab multiple sites of infection vigorously to increase yield of virus. Send swab in swab sheath without any media.  (b) CSF: At least 0.5 mL of undiluted sample in a sterile and leak-proof screw-capped container without any additives.
<b>Storage and Transport</b>	Refrigerate sample until transfer to laboratory. <b>Do not freeze</b> . Send sample at 2 - 8°C (with an ice-pack). Sample must reach the laboratory within 24 hours after collection.
<b>Method</b>	Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (In-house)
<b>Test Result</b>	Detected, Not Detected or Inconclusive
<b>Turnaround Time</b>	1 - 4 days
<b>Day(s) Test Set up</b>	Tuesday and Friday

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