

Encephalitis Autoantibody Evaluation**Effective Date: July 8, 2026****Effective July 8, 2026, Encephalitis Antibody Evaluation will be orderable and sent to Quest Diagnostics**

Test name	Encephalitis Antibody Evaluation with reflex, CSF
Lab number	LAB1232344
Specimen Collection Criteria	4 mL CSF collected in a sterile leak-proof container (min 2mL)
Physician Office/Draw Site Specimen Preparation	Maintain refrigerated (2-8°C or 36-46°F) prior to transport
Specimen Preparation for Courier Transport	Transport: CSF in sterile container, refrigerated (2-8°C or 36-46°F)
Rejection Criteria	Received room temperature (more than 24 hrs)
Performed	
CPT Code	86255 (x19), 86052, 86341, 83519

Test name	Encephalitis Antibody Evaluation with reflex, Serum
Lab number	LAB1232345
Specimen Collection Criteria	Collect: Two plain Red-top tubes Also acceptable: Two Gold-top SST tubes.
Physician Office/Draw Site Specimen Preparation	Let specimen clot 30-60 minutes then centrifuge to separate serum from cells. Transfer serum to a plastic transport tube and refrigerate (2-8°C or 36-46°F).
Specimen Preparation for Courier Transport	Transport: 8.0 mL serum, refrigerated (2-8°C or 36-46°F). (Minimum: 4.0 mL)
Rejection Criteria	Gross hemolysis • Grossly lipemic • Grossly icteric • Turbid • Bacterial contamination • Received room temperature (more than 24 hrs)
Performed	Days performed varies, TAT 4-13 days
CPT Code	86255 (x19), 86052, 86341, 83519 (x2), 86596 (x2)

For questions regarding testing, please contact Corewell Health Laboratory Customer Service at **800-551-0488**

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