



Laboratory Technical Bulletin

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Title: Notification of Suspected Prion Disease

Test(s): Testing on any of the types/sources listed below.

Explanation of change:

The laboratory adheres to all safety recommendations for handling and processing laboratory specimens. Special consideration is required for specimens on patients with suspected prion disease, including Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). Below is a table outlining infectivity level for laboratory specimens.

Infectivity Level	Specimen Type/Source
HIGH	Brain, dura mater, spinal cord, eye (e.g., optic nerve, retina), pituitary gland, spinal ganglia, trigeminal ganglia
LOW	CSF, liver, lymph node, kidney, lung, spleen, placenta, cornea
NONE	Peripheral nerve, intestine, bone marrow, whole blood/blood products, thyroid gland, adrenal gland, skeletal muscle

The provider must notify laboratory **before submission of low infectivity laboratory specimens** when prion disease is suspected.

High infectivity specimens will not be accepted for laboratory processing and testing.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (and suspicion of) should be reported directly to the NYSDOH Alzheimer Disease and Other Dementias Registry at 518-473-7817.

- a. Provider must report suspicious cases.
- b. Testing laboratory must report positive laboratory results.

Please contact the Lab at (607)274-4474 with any questions.

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