

Meningitis and Encephalitis Panel: New Assay

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A highly sensitive PCR-based meningitis/encephalitis panel (Biofire) will **REPLACE** HSV, VZV, and EV single pathogen tests on CSF. The panel includes an **aerobic bacterial culture and Gram stain**. For patients with suspected **cryptococcal meningitis**, a cryptococcal antigen (which includes fungal culture) should be ordered separately by the provider.

The meningitis/encephalitis panel includes 14 pathogens which it detects with 94% sensitivity and >98% specificity. Connect to the test index for important details regarding specimen collection.

<https://www.testmenu.com/rochester/Tests/985018>

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