

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Physician Initial Case and Laboratory Submission Report for Viral
Encephalitis/Meningitis/Fever – WNV

CSF PCR and culture will only be performed with the approval of Epidemiology.
 Please call 717-787-3350 for instructions.

1. IDENTIFYING PATIENT INFORMATION Date of Report: ____/____/____
Date of onset of symptoms(must be completed): ____/____/____

Last name	First Name	MI
DOB / /	Sex: Male	Female
Street Address	Apt .	
City:	State	Zip County
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2. REPORTED/SUBMITTED BY:	Last name	First name
Work address	City	State Zip
Telephone ()	-	Pager () -

3. CLINICAL INFORMATION

Current diagnosis: Encephalitis Meningitis Other (Specify _____)

Hospitalized? Yes No Hospital
 Name _____

Submitting Laboratory
 Name _____

Address: _____

Hospital Lab Phone # _____ Hospital Lab Fax # _____

Fever (>38C or 100F)	Yes	No	Unknown	Altered Mental Status	Yes	No	Unknown
Muscle Weakness	Yes	No	Unknown	Stiff neck/Meningeal signs	Yes	No	Unknown
Headache	Yes	No	Unknown	Seizures	Yes	No	Unknown
Rash	Yes	No	Unknown	Muscle Pain	Yes	No	Unknown
Joint Pain	Yes	No	Unknown	Other Neurological signs	Yes	No	Unknown

Outcome:
Recovered Still with symptoms/deficits Died (date of death ____/____/____) Unknown

Discharge Diagnosis_____

Did patient travel outside PA in the 3 weeks before onset? Yes No If yes, where?_____

Did patient have a blood transfusion, organs or blood products in the last 3 months?
Yes No

If yes, Facility Name_____ When _____

Did patient donate blood in the previous 2 weeks? Yes No

4. SPECIMENS BEING SUBMITTED TO PA BOL FOR WEST NILE TESTING

CSF should be kept cold; sera 5-10 ml in red top tube should be kept cold; ship with ice packs; use overnight delivery service

Specimen No.	Type: Specify CSF or Serum	DATE OF COLLECTION *****Required*****	FOR BOL USE ONLY BOL Accession No.

Submit specimens directly to: PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORIES, 110 PICKERING WAY, LIONVILLE, PA 19353. Call the Laboratory at **610-280-3464** if you have any questions about testing and shipping of specimens. Report cases of meningitis or encephalitis using PA NEDSS (National Electronic Disease Surveillance System) or call the DIVISION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY at **717-787-3350** if you have questions or for assistance.

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