



Reference Diagnostic Division

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## Instructions for Submitting a Tick for Testing

**IMUGEN** provides testing services for the detection of *B. burgdorferi* (Lyme Disease spirochete) and *B. microti* (Babesia parasite) by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). This testing is performed on *Ixodes scapularis* ticks only.

Any non-deer ticks (i.e. *Dermacentor variabilis* or *Amblyoma americanum*) that are received will be retained for 14 days. Please contact us prior to the expiration of the 14<sup>th</sup> day if you want your tick returned. Any remaining ticks will be discarded.

### Requirements for Tick Testing

Ticks **WILL NOT** be tested if placed in formalin or on tape.

Place tick in a ziplock bag, then into a padded envelope or crushproof container.

Fill out a requisition with your name and address so a result can be mailed to you.

Please note that the charge for tick testing is as follows:

- \$75.00 for *B. burgdorferi* (Lyme Disease spirochete)
- \$75.00 for *B. microti* (Babesia parasite)
- \$98.00 for both *B. burgdorferi* and *B. microti*

Checks or signed credit card information must accompany ticks or testing will not be performed. Ticks should be sent to:

**IMUGEN, Inc.**  
**Attn: Tick Testing**  
**315 Norwood Park South**  
**Norwood, MA 02062**

Results are available in approximately 15 business days following receipt of tick.

If you have any questions please contact **IMUGEN** at **800-246-8436**.