

CL Testing

ABOUT: Caseous lymphadenitis (CL) is a chronic, contagious disease caused by the bacterium *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*. The disease is characterized by abscess formation in or near major peripheral lymph nodes (external form) or within internal organs and lymph nodes (internal form). Although both the external and internal forms of CL occur in sheep and goats, the external form is more common in goats, and the internal form is more common in sheep.

SYMPTOMS: Symptoms of CL are abscess formation in or near major peripheral lymph nodes (external form) or within internal organs and lymph nodes (internal form).

GETTING TESTED: Sheep and goats blood can be tested for this disease. At least 3 ml of whole blood should be collected in a "red top" vacuum tube. Samples should be refrigerated after collection and be shipped with an ice pack and tested within 2 weeks of the collection date.

CL samples are processed and results reported on Tuesday.

