

DOH Rat Lungworm Testing & Treatment Protocol for Clinicians in Hawai'i



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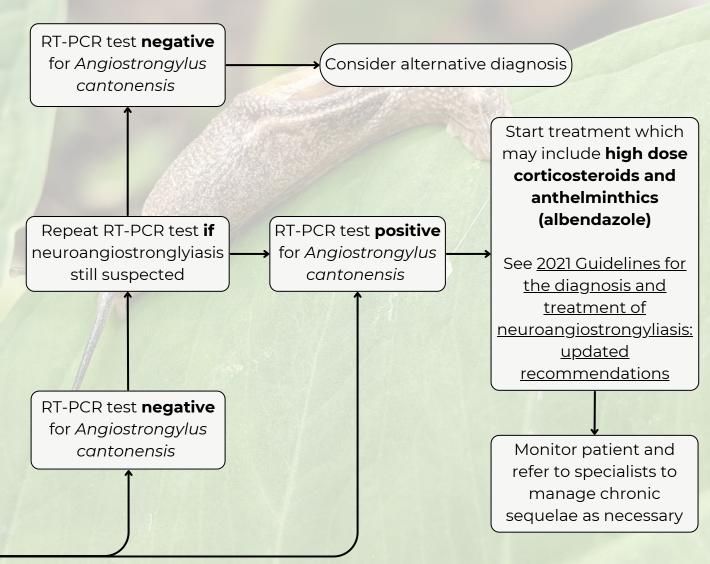
Patient reports:

- Clinical signs and symptoms suspicious for neuroangiostronglyiasis
- Living in or recent travel to a tropical & subtropical region, OR direct contact or ingestion of snails or slugs

Call DOH Disease Reporting Line (808-586-4586) to report suspect case and request testing

Collect 500 µL cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) from patient via lumbar spinal tap for culture and baseline information*

Send specimen to DOH State Lab with <u>SLD Specimen</u> <u>Submission Form (81.3)</u>



*Early diagnosis and treatment are important. It is not necessary to wait for PCR results before initiating treatment.