

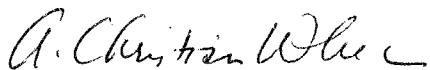
## Specimen Submission Requirements for the Syphilis Serology - Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

<b>Methodology:</b>	VDRL (Qualitative and Quantitative)
<b>Performed:</b>	The Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division will accept CSF specimens from Monday through Friday by 3:30 p.m.
<b>Turn-Around-Time:</b>	5 days
<b>Specimen Collection:</b>	A minimum of 0.5 mL of CSF.
<b>Specimen Transport:</b>	Specimens are to be delivered to the Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division at a transport temperature of 2 – 8° C.
<b>Requisition Form:</b>	State Laboratories Division requisition Form 81.3. At a minimum, patient identifier, name and address of submitter, type of specimen (e.g. CSF), date of collection, and test requested must be completed on form.
<b>Normal Value:</b>	Non-reactive
<b>Result Notification:</b>	Laboratory reports will be forwarded to the submitter.
<b>Remarks:</b>	Please be sure that completed requisition forms are legible. Requisition forms <u>and</u> specimen tubes are not to be placed in the <u>same</u> chamber of the specimen transport container or bag. <b><u>All</u> specimens received for the syphilis examination of CSF will be tested with both the VDRL qualitative and VDRL quantitative test.</b>
<b>Unacceptable Conditions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Illegible or incomplete requisition forms.</li><li>b. Unlabeled tubes.</li><li>c. Leaking specimens.</li><li>d. Specimen quantity not sufficient (&lt;0.5 mL of CSF) to perform test.</li><li>e. CSF grossly contaminated with red blood cells.</li><li>f. Grossly contaminated with microorganisms.</li><li>g. Specimens warmer than the required transport temperature.</li><li>h. Specimens other than CSF.</li></ol>

**Test Location:**

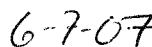
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