

Specimen Submission Requirements for the Syphilis Examination of Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

Methodology:	VDRL (Qualitative and Quantitative)
Performed:	The Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division will accept CSF specimens from Monday through Friday by 3:30 p.m.
Turn-Around-Time:	5 days
Specimen Collection:	A minimum of 0.5 mL of CSF.
Specimen Transport:	Specimens are to be delivered to the Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division at a transport temperature of 2 – 8° C.
Requisition Form:	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.
Normal Value:	Non-reactive
Result Notification:	Results will be reported in Starlims, submitters will access through Dashboard.
Remarks:	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. All specimens received for the syphilis examination of CSF will be tested with both the VDRL qualitative and VDRL quantitative test.
Unacceptable Conditions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Illegible or incomplete requisition forms.b. Unlabeled tubes.c. Chylous specimensd. Hemolyzed specimens.e. Leaking specimens.f. Specimen quantity not sufficient (<0.5 mL of CSF) to perform test.g. CSF grossly contaminated with red blood cells.h. Grossly contaminated with microorganisms.i. Specimens warmer than the required transport temperature.j. Specimens other than CSF.

Test Location:

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