

Specimen Type:	Spinal Fluid <i>(cerebrospinal fluid, CSF)</i>
<i>Patient Preparation:</i>	As ordered by M.D.
<i>Specimen Collection:</i>	Performed by M.D. via lumbar puncture
<i>Specimen Requirements:</i>	Minimum 1 mL, 10 mL preferred. Submit fresh or in cytology fixative. <i>Note: A separate specimen without fixative must be submitted to the microbiology department if a culture is requested.</i>
<i>Handling/Transport:</i>	If submitted fresh, submit to laboratory immediately, refrigerate if delayed.
