

## Syphilis CSF (VDRL only)

<b>Test Description</b>	Non-treponemal test (VDRL) for detection of reagin in cerebrospinal fluid. Reactive results are titered to endpoint.
<b>Test Use</b>	To rule out neurosyphilis in patients with neurological symptoms.
<b>Test Department</b>	Virology Phone: (860) 920-6662 FAX: (860) 920-6661
<b>Methodology</b>	VDRL slide flocculation test
<b>Availability</b>	Daily, Monday-Friday
<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	0.5 mL cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) submitted in a sterile screw capped collection tube
<b>Collection kit/ Container</b>	To obtain a collection kit, refer to Collection Kit Ordering Information.
<b>Collection Instructions</b>	Aseptically obtained cerebrospinal fluid
<b>Specimen Handling &amp; Transport</b>	Store at 2-8°C. Transport to the laboratory on a cool pack (preferably) or at ambient temperature. Avoid temperature extremes.
<b>Unacceptable Conditions</b>	Unlabeled specimen Specimens that have leaked or containers that have broken in transit
<b>Requisition Form</b>	Clinical test requisition (select <b>Syphilis-CSF (VDRL only)</b> )
<b>Required Information</b>	Name and address of submitter (and/or Horizon profile #) Patient name or identifier, date of birth, town of residence (city, state, zip) Specimen type or source of collection, date of collection, test requested Please ensure patient name on the requisition matches that on the specimen.
<b>Limitations</b>	A false negative result can occur in some neurosyphilis patients.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	Reactive results are titered to endpoint.

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