

Syphilis CSF (VDRL only)

Test Description	Non-treponemal test (VDRL) for detection of reagin in cerebrospinal fluid. Reactive results are titered to endpoint.
Test Use	To rule out neurosyphilis in patients with neurological symptoms.
Test Department	Virology Phone: (860) 920-6662 FAX: (860) 920-6661
Methodology	VDRL slide flocculation test
Availability	Daily, Monday-Friday
Specimen Requirements	0.5 mL cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) submitted in a sterile screw capped collection tube
Collection kit/ Container	To obtain a collection kit, refer to Collection Kit Ordering Information.
Collection Instructions	Aseptically obtained cerebrospinal fluid
Specimen Handling & Transport	Store at 2-8°C. Specimens must be received within 5 days of collection. Transport to the laboratory on a cool pack (preferably) or at ambient temperature. Avoid temperature extremes.
Unacceptable Conditions	Unlabeled specimen Specimens that have leaked or containers that have broken in transit
Requisition Form	Clinical test requisition (select Syphilis-CSF (VDRL only))
Required Information	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.
Limitations	A false negative result can occur in some neurosyphilis patients.
Additional Comments	Reactive results are titered to endpoint.

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