

Syphilis CSF (VDRL only)

Test Description	Non-treponemal test (VDRL) for detection of reagin in cerebrospinal fluid. Reactive results are tested to an endpoint titer.
Test Use	To rule out neurosyphilis in patients with neurological symptoms.
Test Department	Virology Phone: (860) 920-6662 FAX: (860) 920-6661
Methodology	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (VDRL) slide flocculation test
Availability	Test is performed twice each week
Specimen Requirements	0.5 mL cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
Collection kit/ Container	To obtain a collection kit, refer to Collection Kit Ordering Information.
Collection Instructions	Aseptically obtained cerebrospinal fluid
Specimen Handling & Transport	Store CSF specimens at room temperature (15-25 °C) for up to 4 hours; after 4 hours, store at 2-8°C for up to 5 days, including transit time. For longer storage of specimens, keep at -20 °C or colder. Transport to laboratory with ice packs.
Unacceptable Conditions	Unlabeled specimen Specimens that have leaked or containers that have broken in transit
Requisition Form	Clinical test requisition OL-9B (select Syphilis-CSF (VDRL only))
Required Information	Name and address of submitter. Two patient identifiers (ie.name, DOB, Acc.#, MRN), Town of residence (city, state, zip), specimen source/type, date collected, test(s) requested. Please ensure information on the requisition matches that on the specimen.
Limitations	A false negative result can occur in some neurosyphilis patients.
Additional Comments	Reactive VDRL specimens are tested to an endpoint titer.

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