

Cerebrospinal Fluid Culture For Fungus



Alternate Name:	CSF Culture for Fungus	
Test Includes:	Culture for fungal species	
	PAS smear for fungal elements	
Performing Lab:	New Hanover	
Specimen Container:	Sterile screw-cap tube	
Minimum Volume Required:	0.5 mL	
Testing Availability	Routine:	24 hours/day
	Stat:	No
Turnaround Time:	4 weeks	
	Physicians, and the patient's nurse, will be notified immediately of positive smears and/or cultures.	
Special Handling:	Tubes should be numbered in sequence. The third tube collected during the lumbar puncture is most suitable for culture, as skin contaminants from the puncture are usually washed out with fluid collected in the first two tubes.	
	Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.	
Patient Preparation:	None	
Specimen Stability:		
Reference Range:	No fungi isolated	
Critical Value:	N/A	
CPT Code:		
Testing Methodology:	Culture	
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling	

Specimen not collected in a sterile container.

Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside of the container.

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Other Comments:

Clinical Significance:

N/A