

CRYPTOCOCCAL ANTIGEN

Orderable – CAG

Turnaround Time: 3 days

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Specimen Type	Collection information
CSF	1 mL of CSF in a sterile container
Blood	5 mL Gold top Vacutainer tube.

*CSF is the preferred specimen



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Latex agglutination



Test Schedule:
Weekdays

Interpretive Comments:

Low titres may persist for extended periods in treated patients.

Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be stored at room temperature.
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.