

CSF CULTURE

Orderable – CSFC

Turnaround Time: Lumbar Puncture – 4 days
Shunts or Drains – 5 days
STAT – Gram Stain – 1 hour

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Order and information instructions are for BACTERIAL culture investigations.



Laboratory:
Microbiology







Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Microscopy, culture



Test Schedule:
Daily

Specimen	Minimum Volume	Collection Device
Drainage	1 mL	 Sterile container
Lumbar Puncture	1 mL	 LP Tube or sterile container
Tip	2-3 cm of medical device	 Sterile container
VP Shunt	1 mL	 Sterile container



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Additional Testing Information:

For other tests, refer to the appropriate Laboratory Test Information Guide Page:

Request	Electronic Order
Fungal Culture	FUNG
Mycobacterium Culture	AFBC
Viral PCR	HSVPCR, VZVPCR, QCMV, QEBV

Interpretive Comments:

Shunt associated infection should be assessed using results from more than one culture.

Storage and Shipment:

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