BETA-2 TRANSFERRIN

Orderable – B2TRF
Turnaround Time: 2 days

Alternate Name(s):
Beta-2 Transferrin
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CSF Specific Transferrin
Tau Protein

Specimen:
Collect 500 µL nasal or ear fluid into a clean specimen container. Also need to collect blood as follows:

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<td>5 mL Gold top Vacutainer tube</td>
<td>0-2 years: 0.5 mL Red or Gold top Microtainer</td>
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<td>2-10 years: 3 mL Red top Vacutainer tube</td>
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<td>Light Green (Li-Heparin) or Lavender (EDTA) top tubes are NOT acceptable</td>
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Collection Information:
Minimum volume of fluid required is 100 µL.

Minimum volume of serum required is 100 µL.

Test only available to Dr. Demir Bajin, Dr. Kevin Fung, Dr. Brian Rotenberg, Dr. Neil Duggal, Dr. Sandrine DeRibaupierre, Dr. Keith MacDougall, Dr. Leigh Sowerby, Dr. Lorne Parnes or Dr. Sumit Agrawal. LHSC/SJHC physicians not included in this list or anyone wishing to order beta-2 transferrin testing from a regional hospital other than LHSC/SJHC will require approval by Dr. Angela Rutledge (ext. 77626) or on the on-call biochemist prior to ordering the test.

Reference Ranges:
Negative
**Comments:**

Based on consultation with Dr. Rotenberg, it has been decided to limit the collection frequency to \( \geq 4 \) weeks for repeat testing. If beta-2 transferrin testing is ordered and it has been \( \leq 30 \) days since the collection date of the last sample run, the test will be cancelled.

**Both fluid and serum are required for testing. Failure to collect a serum specimen may result in an inconclusive result.**

**Critical Information Required:**

Indicate source of fluid (e.g. ear, nose).

**Storage and Shipment:**

Keep fluid refrigerated or on ice packs until delivered to the laboratory. Patients collecting specimen at home should be instructed to keep specimen at refrigeration temperature until transported to the medical facility.