


CEREBROSPINAL FLUID (CSF)

Cytology Samples: CSF				
Container and Fixative	Container pictures (<i>may vary</i>)	Minimum Quantity of CSF	Storage after collection	Deliver to Lab
10 mL CSF tube Fixative is added by laboratory staff after submission	 10 mL CSF tube	All ages: 1mL of CSF required	Room temperature	Send ASAP

Requisition: Non-gynecologic cytology requisition (Cytology CD-1840)

- This guideline is appropriate for CSF samples intended for cytology.
- CSF samples should be sent with a CSF requisition **AND** a separate cytology requisition.
- This guideline is not intended for Microbiology, Flow Cytometry, Chemistry, or cell counts. Please select additional tests on the CSF requisition form.

Questions? Call the QEII Cytology Laboratory at 902-473-8420

If LYMPHOMA is suspected:

- Ensure Flow Cytometry is selected on the CSF requisition

Creutzfeld-Jacob disease:

- If a patient has known or suspected Creutzfeld-Jacob disease (CJD), always indicate this on the clinical history. Specimens will be processed after consultation with Neuropathology.

Container labels must include:

- Patient's legal name
- Patient's health card number or another unique identifier
- Date and time of collection
- Sample type and site of collection

Requisition forms must include:

- Patient's legal name
- Patient's health card number or another unique identifier
- Patient's date of birth
- Date and time of collection
- Sample type and site of collection
- Physician's full name, CPSNS ID#, and address
- Clinical history