**Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions**  
Syphilis, VDRL (Version 1)

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| CSF           | NA              | NA                   | • Collect in plastic screw top tube. If possible, blood in CSF should be avoided.  
• **Minimum volume:** 1-2 ml of CSF. | NA              | • **Transport device:** Plastic screw top tube.  
• **Rejection Criteria:** Not following listed Collection and/or S&H Methods. CSF with blood is considered not suitable for testing. Please see General Rejection Criteria below.  
• **Transport:** Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice.  
• **Storage:** Refrigerate at 2-8°C for up to 5 days. If stored longer, freeze at -20°C or -80°C. |

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  NA: Not Applicable  

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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Not refrigerated or frozen properly.
- Insufficient specimen volume.
- Leaky specimen.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:
Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient’s county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments

- For CSF, only VDRL testing is performed. A titer is not performed.
- If blood is present in the CSF, the Health Care Provider will be called to determine if the test should still be performed. If testing is still performed, a comment will be added to the report.