

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions Syphilis, VDRL (Version 1) Page 1 of 2

Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
CSF	NA	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect in plastic screw top tube. If possible, blood in CSF should be avoided. • Minimum volume: 1-2 ml of CSF. 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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.