**Syphilis, VDRL Cerebrospinal Fluid**

**Method:** Agglutination

**CPT Code:** 86592, 86593

**Preferred Specimen:** Cerebral Spinal Fluid (CSF)

**Other Acceptable Specimens:** None

**Required Sample Volume:** 1-3 mLs CSF, Minimum 1 mL

**Specimen Container:** Sterile Container tightly capped

**Specimen Identification:** Label container with patient’s first name, last name and DOB include date and time of collection.

**Special Instructions:**
- Any Hemolysis or Gross Lipemia
- Include any medical history or relevant clinical findings on requisition.
- Specimens with precipitate or cellular content should be clarified by centrifugation.

**Shipping Requirements:** Store and ship at refrigerated temperature 2-8°C.

**Sample Rejection Criteria:**
- Any hemolysis
- Gross bacterial contamination
- Mislabeled/Unlabeled specimen
- Quantity not sufficient for testing (QNS)

**Reference Interval:** Non- Reactive

**Additional Information:**
A positive VDRL in a spinal fluid uncontaminated by serum is essentially diagnostic of neurosyphilis. The CSF VDRL may take years to become Non-Reactive after adequate therapy.

**Limitations:** Biological false positive reactions occur occasionally. Such reactions sometimes occur in samples from individuals with a history of drug abuse, or with diseases such as lupus erythematosus, malaria, Vaccinia, mononucleosis, leprosy, viral pneumonia and after smallpox vaccinations.

**Turn-around-time:** 24 hours