

| Test                 | Cerebrospinal Fluid Analysis   |
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| Common Abbreviations | CSF  |
| Profile              | CSF  |
| Clinical indication  | CSF is a clear bodily fluid that occupies the subarachnoid space and the ventricular system around and inside the brain and spinal cord. CSF can be tested for the diagnosis of a variety of neurological diseases.  |
| Specimen type        | Cerebrospinal Fluid  |
| Sample type          | glass/plastic bottle   |
| Minimum volume       | Not specified  |
| Special precautions  | No clinical approval required. However, a HMDS request form needs to be completed and signed. Please download and complete the form <b>from the HMDS website: <a href="http://www.hmids.org.uk">www.hmids.org.uk</a></b> . Clinical details need to be stated on the request form and any transfusion history for the patient. |
| Stability            | 24 hours   |
| Turn-around time     | 3 weeks unless Urgent Request  |
| Referral Laboratory  | HMDS<br>Level 3<br>Bexley Wing<br>St James University Hospital<br>Leeds<br>LS9 7TF   |
| Reference interval   | Details provided by referral laboratory  |
| Limitations          | Not specified  |