

## **LAB779 Cryptococcal Antigen, Serum/CSF**

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**BMC**

### **Performing Location(s)**

BMC

### **Specimen Type**

Serum or Spinal Fluid

### **Preferred Container**

Serum – Gold or Red top tube

CSF – Collection tubes from Lumbar Puncture Tray

### **Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing**

2 mL Serum/CSF

### **Storage Requirements**

**Serum:** Refrigerate specimen. If delivery to lab will be delayed, separate and freeze serum.

**CSF:** Deliver to laboratory as soon as possible; DO NOT REFRIGERATE.

### **Transportation Needs**

Deliver specimen to laboratory within 1 hour of collection if unspun.

If not possible see "Storage Requirements".

### **Causes for Rejection**

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Less than 50% draw for vacutainer tubes

### **Reference Values**

<b>Population</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Reference Range</b>
All Populations	None	Negative
A Positive Cryptococcal Antigen is considered a Critical Value and will be called to the ordering provider within 30 minutes of verification.		

### **Available STAT**

Yes

### **Reflex Testing**

When a Cryptococcal Antigen screen is positive, a titer is performed and billed.

### **Methodology**

Lateral Flow Immunochromatographic Assay

### **CPT Code**

86403 (also see reflex testing data)