

LAB195 Protein, Total, CSF

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Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Spinal Fluid

Preferred Container

Reference Cerebrospinal Fluid Panels for Recommend Collection Tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

0.5 mL CSF

Storage Requirements

Refrigerate the sample if a delay (> 1 hour) in transportation to the laboratory is anticipated.
Deliver on ice if accompanied by CSF Lactic Acid.

Transportation Needs

Deliver specimen to the laboratory within 1 hour of collection.
If not possible see “Storage Requirements”

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen
Contaminated with blood
> 4 days at room temperature
> 4 days refrigerated

Reference Values

Fluid Type	Units	Reference Range	High Critical Value
All populations	mg/dL	15 - 45	100

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

Beckman AU/Dx Series

CPT Code

84157