Cerebrospinal fluid must be submitted in the proper collection tubes provided with the Lumbar Puncture Tray (warehouse item #0000115).

ASCP recommends the following testing by order of tubes:

- **Tube #1** will be used for chemistries and immunology
- **Tube #2** will be used for microbiology and cultures
- **Tube #3** will be used for cell counts and differentials
- **Tube #4** if collected, will be used for cytology

Note: Providers have the option to change the tests ordered on each tube.