

Normal cerebrospinal fluid contains few cells, so the volume of the sample has considerable bearing on diagnostic accuracy. The larger the sample the more accurate the results.

Materials Needed:

- › Specimen container labeled with customer's name, date of birth, along with date & time collected.
- › Inpatient - Use EPIC to enter "Non-Gynecological" cytology order (Test #4001)
- › Outpatient - Complete and submit a "Pathology/Cytology" order either through EPIC or completed requisition form. Include customer billing information.

Specimen Requirements:

- › Minimum fluid required is 1 ml.
- › Specimens should be submitted fresh, unfixed.
- › Collection tube number 3 or 4 is preferred.
- › Specimen must be refrigerated until it is received in laboratory.
- › Please note specimen source on request form or EPIC order

Specimen Collection:

1. Label sample tube with patient's name, date of birth, along with date and time collected.
2. If a series of tubes are collected, label each with # 1, # 2, and # 3.
3. Collect spinal fluid in specimen container.
4. Deliver specimen directly to the Pathology Laboratory or through courier service.

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