Specimen Required: Collect: CSF.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 0.5 mL CSF to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Other body fluids. Contaminated, hemolyzed, xanthochromic, or severely lipemic specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)