

TEST CHANGE

Treponema pallidum Antibody, IgG by IFA (CSF)

0055273, FTA CSF G

Specimen Requirements:

Patient Preparation:

Collect: CSF.

Specimen Preparation: Transfer 1 mL CSF to an ARUP standard transport tube. (Min: 0.2 mL)

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Unacceptable Conditions: Serum. Contaminated, heat-inactivated, or hemolyzed specimens.

Remarks:

Stability: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: ~~14~~5 days; Frozen: 1 year

Methodology: Qualitative Indirect Fluorescent Antibody (IFA)

Note:

CPT Codes: 86780

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

The significance of a reactive result in the FTA-ABS CSF test is unknown. The CSF from persons treated in the secondary or latent stage of syphilis and without signs of neurosyphilis may be reactive. A nonreactive result in the FTA-ABS CSF test suggests the absence of neurosyphilis.

Treponema pallidum (VDRL), Cerebrospinal Fluid with Reflex to Titer (0050206) is the recommended test for CSF specimens. If suspicion of neurosyphilis remains after VDRL testing, testing of the CSF with FTA-ABS may be considered.

Reference Interval:

Test Number	Components	Reference Interval
	Fluorescent <i>Treponema</i> Antibody CSF	Nonreactive