

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective August 20, 2018

3000059 Coccidioides Antibody by CF, CSF

COCCICFCSF

Specimen Required: Collect: CSF.

<u>Specimen Preparation:</u> Transfer 1 mL CSF to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.6 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens **must** be received within 30 days from receipt of acute specimens.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Remarks: Mark specimens plainly as "acute" or "convalescent."

<u>Unacceptable Conditions:</u> Contaminated, hemolyzed, xanthochromic, or severely lipemic specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year

(avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)