

Cell Count CSF

Synonyms	CSF cell count
Abbreviation	CSF cellct
Specimen type	Sterile CSF
Container	Sterile CSF tube Tube #3 OR #4
Volume	2 mL Minimum: 1 mL
Collection requirements	Use tube #3 (or last tube collected)
S/H instructions	Process within 2 hours
Stability	2 hours at room temp
Reference range	Nucleated WBCs: ≥12 yrs: 0 - 5/mm ³ 5 - 12 yr: 0 - 10/mm ³ 1 - 4 yr: 0 - 20/mm ³ <1 yr: 0 - 30/mm ³ RBC: 0/mm ³ Cytospin differential will be performed when the Nucleated Cells are >5/uL for an adult and >10/uL for children.
Routine / STAT T.A.T	Always considered a STAT procedure - 1hr
Section	Body fluids
LAB code	02245