

## Cerebrospinal fluid

Each specimen container needs to have a *minimum* of two (2) patient identifiers to be accepted.

- Label a sterile container with patient's full name (first and last name), date of birth or medical record number (MRN). Include the specimen source on the container.
- Place **fresh** specimen into container. At least 0.5 mL of specimen is recommended.
- It is advised to separate the specimen into individual tubes and submit each container to the appropriate laboratory area (microbiology, hematology, cytology, etc.)
- An accompanying requisition with patient's full name (first and last), date of birth, medical record number (MRN), specimen source, ordering physician's name, date of collection, diagnosis, and pertinent patient history.
- Refrigerate specimen until transport and deliver as soon as possible.