

CEREBROSPINAL FLUID (CSF) HANDLING GUIDELINE FOR SPS

Follow this guideline to decide which tests should be received on which tube #.
Do not follow the tube# listed on CPOE request form.

| 2 tubes received | 3 tubes received | 4 tubes received |
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| Tube#1 and 2-Micro Tube#2 –Heme Tube#1 or 2- Chem and any other misc. tests | Tube#1 and 3-Micro Tube#1 and 3- Heme* Tube#2- Chem and any other mics. tests | Tube #1 and 4-Micro Tube #1 and 4-Heme * Tube #2 or 3 or 4 –Chem and any other Misc. tests |

*If >2 tubes are received and only 1 cell count is ordered by the provider, log in only one CCCNT. Give the first and last tube aliquots to Heme for cell counts with the same Acc# stickers on both tubes. Write down the correct tube# on the labels.

**If 2 cell counts are ordered by the provider, log in two CCCNTs with the collection time 1 minute apart between the first and last tube. If collection time is not available, received time must be 1 minute apart.

***If additional sample is needed for miscellaneous testing when only 2 or 3 tubes have been sent, CSF can be retrieved from Heme and then Micro only after their respective testing has been completed.