

# CEREBROSPINAL FLUID

*Used to diagnose primary tumors, metastatic tumors, leukemias or lymphomas, or inflammatory conditions of the central nervous system.*

## General Instructions:

1. When multiple samples are collected, the fourth sample should be submitted for cytology.
2. Label the tube with the patient's name and sample number.
3. Complete the cytopathology requisition or test request on the hospital information system (HIS) including all pertinent clinical information and patient history.
4. If specimen is obtained in doctor's office, place specimen in cytolyte solution. Label container with patient's name.
5. Place the specimen and the requisition in a specimen biohazard bag.
6. Immediately send the specimen to the Laboratory.

**NOTE: Any delay in receiving the specimen in the Laboratory may render the specimen non-diagnostic for cytologic evaluation.**