

Cryptococcus Antigen

Synonyms

CRAG

Clinical Indication

Suspected Cryptococcus meningitis, cryptococcal infection in immunosuppressed patients.

Part of Profile / See Also

Detection of antigen of Cryptococcus neoformans in CSF/serum

Request Form

Order comms request i.e., ICE or Medway

or clearly handwritten Microbiology form where order comms not available

Availability / Frequency of Analysis

On request

Samples will be sent to a Reference Laboratory for analysis. Samples are referred to the Royal London Hospital. The service is 7 days a week.

Turnaround Time

3 working days

Patient Preparation

Sample Requirements

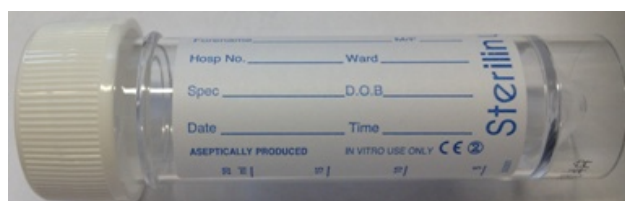
Specimen Type

CSF or Serum

Volume

1ml CSF

Container



CSF in White Top Universal CE marked

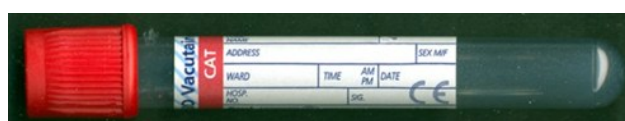


Blood in Gold top (SST) tube



Paediatric Blood Yellow

OR



Red Top (serum) tube



Paediatric Red Top (plain) tube

Reference Range & Units

Interferences

Interpretation & Clinical

Decision Value (if applicable)

Reported as positive or Negative. A negative result does not exclude infection.

References

Test code

RCRA

Lab Handling

Part of CSF investigation – by specific request only



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