

## **NEW TEST ANNOUNCEMENT**

**NOTIFICATION DATE:** March 28, 2014 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 6, 2014

## HISTOPLASMA/BLASTOMYCES PANEL, CSF Test ID: HIBLC

**EXPLANATION**: Detection of *Histoplasma* and *Blastomyces* antibodies in CSF is available as a panel. The Fungal Antibody Survey, Spinal Fluid (FSC) is no longer available.

**USEFUL FOR:** Aid to diagnose histoplasmosis and blastomycosis from cerebrospinal fluid.

## PROFILE INFORMATION

Test ID	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
CHIST	Histoplasma Ab, CSF	Yes	Yes
CBLAS	Blastomyces Ab, EIA, CSF	Yes	Yes

**METHODOLOGY**: CHIST- Complement Fixation (CF) and Immunodiffusion (ID)

CBLAS – Enzyme Immunoassay

**REFERENCE VALUES:** Negative

**SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS: CSF** 

Container/Tube: Sterile vial Specimen Volume: 1.5 mL Minimum Volume: 1.0 mL

## **SPECIMEN STABILITY INFORMATION:**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
CSF	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days
	Frozen	14 days

**CPT CODE**: *Histoplasma* Ab, CSF- 86698 x 3 *Blastomyces* Ab, EIA, CSF - 86612

**DAY(S) SET UP:** Monday through Friday **ANALYTIC TIME:** 3 days

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