

TEST UPDATE**NOTIFICATION DATE:** September 9, 2013**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately***Cryptococcus* Antigen, Spinal Fluid**

Test ID: CCRYR

Secondary ID: 28072

EXPLANATION: According to the College of American Pathologists (CAP, IMM.41840), CSF samples submitted for initial diagnosis which test positive by the *Cryptococcus* latex agglutination assay should also be submitted for routine fungal culture. Fungal cultures are not required for CSF samples which are submitted to monitor *Cryptococcus* antigen titers during treatment.

If fungal culture is not possible at your laboratory, please call Mayo Medical Laboratories at 800-533-1710 to add on appropriate testing.

If the original CSF specimen sent for the *Cryptococcus* antigen test was frozen, it is not acceptable for fungal culture. In this case, please provide a refrigerated specimen for culture.

CAP RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL TEST: FGEN / Fungal Culture, Routine

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager or
Kim J. Baker, MML Laboratory Technologist Resource Coordinator
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