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CSF Collection Instructions (Adults)

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The CSF collection pack can be obtained from:

- **QE Gateshead: Pathology stores during ROUTINE working hours or biochemistry out of hours**
- **CHS & STDGH: Biochemistry dept. reception**

Note – This protocol should not be used for paediatric patients


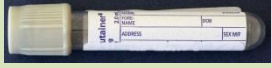




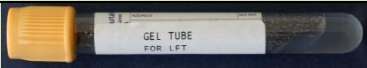
ALWAYS PHONE THE MICROBIOLOGY LAB IN GATESHEAD to alert them you are sending a specimen for urgent microscopy (Sunderland users phone 445 6645; Gateshead & S. Tyneside phone 445 5601)

ALWAYS TAKE THESE TUBES: CSF tubes 1-4 & blood tube 6

WHEN SAH SUSPECTED & XANTHOCHROMIA REQUESTED:

Request only if CT -ve and > 12 hours after onset of symptoms. Take following additional tubes:

- **CSF tube 5** (use mini-collect tube, fill to 1 mL and place inside orange outer carrier)
- **Blood sample 7**

Sample	Container		Volume	Test
CSF Sample 1	Universal for Microbiology		1.5 ml (30 drops)	Microbiology
CSF Sample 2	Fluoride oxalate: for Biochemistry		0.5 mL (10 drops)	Glucose & protein
CSF Sample 3	Universal for Microbiology		1.5 mL (30 drops)	Microbiology
CSF sample 4	Universal for Microbiology		1.5 mL (30 drops)	Microbiology
CSF Sample 5	Universal for Biochemistry	Minicollect + carrier 	1.0 mL (20 drops)	Xanthochromia ONLY if ?SAH Fill to arrow
Blood Sample 6	Fluoride oxalate for Biochemistry		3 mL	Glucose
Blood Sample 7	Yellow top for Biochemistry		4 mL	LFT ONLY if ?SAH

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Place the orange carrier tube containing CSF tube 5 and all other CSF and blood samples in the specimen bag provided along with the correct ICE forms/MediTech labels.

DO NOT USE PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM → hand-deliver to pathology reception ASAP

All the samples must be hand delivered to a member staff within the laboratory department within ½ an hour of sample collection.

Failure to follow this procedure may result in a possible delay in analysis or rejection



5 ml mark

UNIVERSAL TUBE: fill up to the top of the conical base, this is equivalent to 1.5 ml