



PATHOLOGY SCIENCES CSF ALGORITHM

The following table describes the requirements, labelling and delivery locations/methods for CSF samples

Pot No	Department	Container	Test	Transport	Bag
1	Microbiology	White top universal	Virology (if required) or storage	Pod	Blue bag
		container			
2	Chemistry	White top universal	Protein	Pod	Red bag
		container	OCB(if required) please provide serum sample		
3	Microbiology	White top universal	MC&S (meningitis)	Pod	Blue bag
		container			
4	Chemistry	Grey fluoride tube	Glucose/Lactate	Pod	Red bag
5	Chemistry	White top universal	Xanthochromia (if required) in protected tube	Pod	Red bag
(if required)		container			
6	Neuropathology	White top universal	Cytology if required	Pod	Clear bag
(if required)		container			

For Urgent Microbiology Requests

Please contact the laboratory when sample is taken stating sample is on its way. In core hours phone x46222, out of core hours contact BMS on radio-page via switchboard.

Please request on ICE REQUESTING.