

# **Cerebral Spinal Fluid Culture (Aerobic, Anaerobic, and Gram Stain) Information Sheet**

## **Overview**

## **Performance**

### **Days Performed**

Daily; Monday – Sunday

### **Report Available (TAT) – (Once received at MDL)**

4 – 6 days

### **Specimen Retention Time**

7 days

### **Method Description**

- Conventional aerobic and anaerobic bacterial culture technique with non-selective media.
- Identification methods (when appropriate) may include any of the following: conventional biochemical testing, matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectrometry, and commercial identification panels.
- Susceptibility testing (when appropriate) may include minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) (broth microdilution or gradient strip diffusion) or disk diffusion.