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Triaging of Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Specimens for Flow Cytometric Testing

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Due to extremely limited clinical information yield and to mitigate unnecessary clinical testing costs, the Nebraska Medicine Clinical Flow Cytometry Laboratory will limit flow cytometric analysis of CSF specimens to those patients having: **an elevated CSF white cell count, suspected central nervous system lymphoma or prior history of a lymphoid or hematopoietic malignancy.**

CSF specimens with normal white cell counts that do not meet the above criteria will not be analyzed. All specimens will require a CSF cell count to have been performed and results sent with the CSF specimen. This change is effective immediately.

CSF Reference Ranges	
WBC Cell Counts	
0-1 month	0-20 WBC K/uL
1 month - Adult	0-8 WBC K/uL

If you have questions or concerns about this change please contact; Samuel J. Pirruccello, M.D., page: 402-888-1640, phone: 402-559-7707

Clients can also contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators at <https://www.reglab.org/contact-us/>

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