



## **Cerebrospinal Fluid**

### Collection Procedure

1. Physicians should wear gown, masks and gloves. All other personnel should stand away or wear masks in order to avoid respiratory contamination.
2. Decontaminate the skin with ChloroPrep, followed by 70-95% alcohol using an increasingly outward circular movement.
3. Drape sterile linen over the skin surrounding the puncture site.
4. Insert the needle. Collect the fluid into four numbered, sterile, leak-proof tubes to be filled in chronological order.
5. Cap the tubes tightly.
6. Transport immediately to the laboratory.