



## Memorandum - Immunology #26

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**Subject: VDRL Testing**

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Effective 4/28/2025 the Clinical Immunology Laboratory will offer in house VDRL testing. This test is used for the detection of non-Treponemal antibody in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples. It is considered the gold standard test for CSF antibody testing for neurosyphilis.

The VDRL test can be ordered using the test name VDRL, CSF or code LAB859. This test is replacing the referral laboratory VDRL test that was used due to unavailability of the VDRL reagents.

The VDRL is intended for CSF samples in patients with documented seropositivity for syphilis (forward or reverse algorithm). CSF samples will be initially screened undiluted. A positive result will be reflexed to an endpoint titration test. Testing will be performed in batch on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Please contact the Clinical Immunology Laboratory (984-974-1815) with questions