



India Ink Preparation

Alternate Name:	None
Test Includes:	Detection of <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i> in CSF
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Sterile screw cap tube
Minimum Volume Required:	0.5 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: Yes
Turnaround Time:	Routine: 4 hours Stat: < 1 hour
Special Handling:	Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	No fungal elements seen
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	87210
Testing Methodology:	Direct microscopic observation
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling. Specimen not collected in sterile container. Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Specimens not delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Other Comments:	None
Clinical Significance:	N/A