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Department of Pathology Laboratories

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CSF Flow Cytometry – Test Cancellation Criteria and Hours of Operation

Effective immediately, **CSF flow cytometry will not be performed on specimens that do not meet minimum cellularity requirements.** To ensure reliable and clinically meaningful results, CSF flow cytometry requires an adequate number of viable cells for analysis. Specimens with very low cellularity generate excessive background debris and nonspecific antibody binding resulting in highly unreliable or entirely uninterpretable results. Correlation with cytologic findings is recommended.

Saturday Laboratory Operations

The Flow Cytometry Laboratory is **open and operational on Saturdays** and will accept specimens for same-day processing **until 4:00 PM**. Specimens received **after 4:00 PM Saturday** will be held and processed on the next business day (**Monday**).

For questions, please contact Flow Cytometry Laboratory at (804) 628-1347.