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**Lab Dept:** Other Fluids

**Test Name:** PROTEIN, CSF

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***General Information***

**Lab Order Codes:** CTP

**Synonyms:** Protein Spinal Fluid; CSF Protein

**CPT Codes:** 84155 – Protein; total, except refractometry

**Test Includes:** CSF protein in mg/dL

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***Logistics***

**Test Indications:** Useful for the evaluation of central nervous system disease.

**Lab Testing Sections:** Chemistry

**Phone Numbers:** MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

**Test Availability:** Daily, 24 hours

**Turnaround Time:** 4 hours

**Special Instructions:** N/A

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***Specimen***

**Specimen Type:** CSF

**Container:** Screw capped, sterile vial

**Draw Volume:** 0.6 mL fluid

**Processed Volume:** 0.2 mL fluid, spun

**Collection:** Maintain sterility and forward promptly at ambient temperature only

**Special Processing:** N/A

**Patient Preparation:** None

**Sample Rejection:** Mislabeled or unlabeled specimens; clotted specimens

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**Interpretive****Reference Range:**

0 – 2 days:	40 - 120 mg/dL
2 days - 1 month:	20 - 80 mg/dL
>1 month:	15 - 40 mg/dL

**Critical Values:**

>150 mg/dL

**Limitations:**

Samples containing amakacin, gentamicin, kanamycin, tobramycin, neomycin, or sulfates falsely increase protein results.

**Methodology:**

Pyrogallol Red

**References:**

Siemens Dimension Vista® UCFP Flex® reagent cartridge Instructions for Use, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, PN 781026.001 – US Rev G Issue Date 2014-07-14

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Biorad Liquichek Spinal Fluid Control Product insert, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Irvine, CA 92618

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**Updates:**

2/17/2005: Critical value previously listed as 100 mg/dL.  
9/17/2014: Updated references.