

TEST STATUS**NOTIFICATION DATE:** February 9, 2016**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 12, 2016**LISTERIA ANTIBODY, CF (SERUM)****Test ID: FLIST**

EXPLANATION: Effective April 12, 2016 Test ID FLIST will become obsolete due to limited evidence of clinical utility.

Antibodies to *L. monocytogenes* develop and become detectable over a two week period, thus limiting the utility of such testing in the acute setting. Second, once developed antibodies to *L. monocytogenes* will remain detectable for months to possibly years despite clearance of the infection.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE TEST:

The current gold standard method for detection of infection with *L. monocytogenes* is through routine blood culture and Gram stain. Standard aerobic CSF cultures should be performed if CNS infection is suspected. This testing should be performed locally.

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