

**Reporting Title:** Alpha-Fetoprotein, CSF**Performing Location:** Rochester**Specimen Requirements:**

Container/Tube: Sterile vial

Preferred: Vial number 1

Acceptable: Any vial

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

**Specimen Minimum Volume:**

0.5 mL

**Forms:**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send an Oncology Test Request (T729) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
CSF	Frozen (preferred)	7 days	
	Refrigerated	7 days	

**Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
AFSF	Alpha-Fetoprotein, CSF	Numeric	ng/mL	1833-3

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

**Supplemental Report:**

No

**CPT Code Information:**

86316

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**Reference Values:**

<1.5 ng/mL

Values for alpha-fetoprotein in cerebrospinal fluid have not been formally established for newborns and infants. The available literature indicates that by 2 months of age, levels comparable to adults should be reached.(Ann Clin Biochem 2005;42:24-29)