

NDDL CSF Collection Protocol for AD Test only

LP Collected **via gravity drip**, no aspiration or intervening tubing. Collect first 1-2 ml CSF in standard collection tube (TUBE 1). **TUBE 1:** to be sent to your pathology provider for routine Micro/Biochem.

TUBE 2: Collect 2.5ml of clear, non-haemolysed CSF into 1 blue capped PP tube (2.5ml Sarstedt low-bind / false-bottom tube 63.614.625). Excess volume to go into additional tube/s.

No further sample processing is required, do not transfer CSF to any other tube/s.
Store specimens in the fridge. **DO NOT FREEZE.**
Send Tube 2 to NDDL/ANCJDR within one week of collection.

CHECKLIST PRIOR TO SENDING CSF SPECIMEN

- Biochemistry & microbiology results are within specified limits and are recorded in the table on page 1
- Specimen is double bagged and packed securely (tube intact and firmly sealed).
- Copy of original doctor's request slip is provided with specimen.
- NDDL CSF Specimen Data Sheet (this form) completed and attached to the test request documents.
- Specimen is correctly addressed to NDDL / The Australian National CJD Registry (as on page 1).
- The NDDL (AD, NfL testing) and/or ANCJDR (CJD testing) have been advised of the incoming specimen (contact details below).

Costs for Diagnostic Testing

AD Test: All Referrals: \$400

CJD Panel: Domestic Referrals: No Charge
International: \$500

NfL: All Referrals: \$200

Enquiries / Contact Details

AD and NfL Enquiries

National Dementia Diagnostics Laboratory (NDDL)

Tel: 03 9035 7243 **Fax:** 03 9349 5105

Email: enquiries-nddl@unimelb.edu.au

Web: <https://florey.edu.au/science-research/scientific-services-facilities/national-dementia-diagnostics-laboratory>

CJD Enquiries

Australian National CJD Registry (ANCJDR)

Tel: 03 8344 1949 **Fax:** 03 9349 5105

Email: ancjd-reg@unimelb.edu.au

Web: <https://florey.edu.au/science-research/scientific-services-facilities/australian-national-cjd-registry>