



Specimen Requirements and Handling

The quality of laboratory results is highly dependent on proper specimen collection and handling. Volume and storage/transport requirements for specimens submitted to Amprion are listed below.

Test	Specimen Type	Tube Type	Minimum Volume	Storage/Transport
SAA Assay (CSF)	CSF (Cerebrospinal Fluid) ¹	Polypropylene ²	≥0.5mL	Frozen ³ (client's own packaging w/ dry ice)
			≥0.5mL	Cold/Refrigerated (ice pack provided in Amprion shipping kit or by client)

1. CSF specimens should be collected according to the institution/clinic's standard policies and procedures

2. Eppendorf LoBind or Equivalent

3. Frozen: Preferred Specimen

1. All specimens must be clearly labeled with TWO patient identifiers.
2. A completed specimen Test Requisition Form must be submitted with the specimen. Ensure the appropriate test is selected and the requisition is signed by an authorized individual.
3. Specimens can be frozen to -20°C or -80°C and shipped on dry ice or may be held refrigerated and shipped with an ice pack.
4. Specimen Integrity:
 - Accepted: Cerebrospinal Fluid must be clear and colorless (no visible color).
 - Rejected: Any CSF specimen that shows visible cloudiness or color.

Transportation

Place specimen in shipping kit. Ship specimens to Amprion Clinical Laboratory via FedEx Priority Overnight service. Ship specimens for arrival on weekdays (Monday through Friday) only. A pickup can be scheduled online at www.fedex.com or by calling FedEx at (800) 463-3339. Ship specimens to the following address:

Amprion Clinical Laboratory
10355 Science Center Dr., Suite 240
San Diego, CA 92121

Shipping kits can be obtained from Amprion Client Services. Call (858) 461-6338 or email ClientServices@AmprionDx.com.

International specimens: Shipping specimens originating outside of the United States is the shipper's responsibility. The shipper is required to comply with the rules and guidelines for transport of medical specimens as set forth by the United States government, the government of the country of origin, and international regulatory agencies. Failure to follow instructions for packaging and shipping may result in the delay, loss or destruction of specimens.

Questions? Call Amprion Client Services at (858) 461-6338 or email ClientServices@AmprionDx.com