

Samples should not be collected from the [external ventricular drainage cerebrospinal fluid collection bag](#) due to the rapid [degradation](#) of cellular components. Though samples can be drawn from the distal port, white cell counts and cultures are often not accurate ¹⁾.

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Wong FW. Cerebrospinal fluid collection: a comparison of different collection sites on the external ventricular drain. Dynamics. 2011 Fall;22(3):19-24. PMID: 21941814.

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