

Laboratory Medicine - Test Information Guide

Body cavity fluids

Alternate Name: Effusion, Pleural fluid, peritoneal fluid, pericardial fluid, Ascitic fluid

Department: Cytology

STAT Test Available: Prior Consultation required [SCI-5.7.20.5](#) Anatomic Pathology -STAT Specimen Procedure

TAT (Days): Refer to [SCI-5.7.20.7](#) Anatomic Pathology - Turn Around Times

Specimen Type:

Collection Information & Patient Prep:

- Clinical information is crucial to an accurate diagnosis.
- Collect in a 90 mL or 500 mL sterile container. Submit fresh (no fixative) Add 3 units of heparin per ml of fluid to prevent clotting.
- Specimen must be placed in 4oC refrigerator after hours.
- [SCI-5.7.20.8](#) Anatomic Pathology - Specimen identification and requisition, [SCI-5.7.20.6.0](#) Anatomic Pathology - Transportation of Specimens - Where to deliver the specimen

Methodology:

Requisition:

Critical Result Ranges:

Testing Referred To:

Sample Volume:

Unit of Measure:

Image:

Reference Ranges: