

Laboratory Technical Bulletin

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TITLE:

Body Fluids - Collection and Laboratory Test Order Instructions

TEST:

Body Fluids

REFERENCE: Body FI

Body Fluid Analysis for Cellular Composition; Approved Guideline. Clinical and Laboratory

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CEREBROSPINAL FLUID



Tube #1 - Serology and miscellaneous testing

Tube #2 - Chemistry and Reference Lab Tests

Tube #3 - Culture and Sensitivity/Gram Stain/Cytology

Tube #4 - Cell Count and Differential

SYNOVIAL/PLEURAL/PERITONEAL/PERICARDIAL FLUID



EDTA tube (Lavender) - cell count and differential

Immediately after collection, add fluid directly to the tube.

Invert gently 8 to 10 times to prevent clotting.



Orange Cap Sterile Cup – chemistry*, culture and sensitivity testing, gram stain, crystal analysis and Reference Lab testing (ensure adequate volume-contact Client Services 274-4474)

Cytology studies - submit in original collection container.

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^{*}All chemistry testing on body fluids are tested at Mayo Medical Laboratories with the exception of glucose and total protein on cerebrospinal fluid.