



FLUID COLLECTION, Non-Spinal Fluid

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use Fluid Collection Kit (RDRHC)
- **If referring fluid samples to DynaLIFE Medical Labs for testing – refer to the DynaLIFE Test Directory for collection and handling information.**
- Collect Specimen into syringe.
- **IMMEDIATELY DISPENSE** appropriate volumes into appropriate tubes.
- **Dispense into LAVENDER Top first** – mix well by gentle inversion, then dispense (from the syringe) into red top tubes.
- Use sterile technique for cultures.
- Label each container/specimen type with patient legal name, PHN or MRN#, date/time of collection and test(s) required.

Orderable Procedure	Order Code	1. Container	Minimum Volume	Transport Instructions
Cell Count, Body Fluid	LAB209	Lavender top tube EDTA	1.0 mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be received within 24h • Cell Count Differential is based off WBC
Glucose, Body Fluid	LAB186	Red top tube (no gel)	0.5mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to lab with next routine transport
Protein Total, Body Fluid	LAB196	Red top tube (no gel)		
Crystals, Body Fluid (Synovial Fluid only)	LAB213	Red top tube (no gel). Alternate: Lavender EDTA		
Non-gynecological Cytology	LAB13	Sterile Container For larger volumes ($\geq 2\text{mL}$) in a clean container with a tight fitting lid (e.g. 100mL specimen container or 1L suction jar For small volumes ($\leq 2\text{mL}$) in a red top tube (no gel). Not included in collection kit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No minimum volume • Maximum volume 600 mL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to lab with next routine transport • DO NOT add cytofixative
Mycobacteria Culture	LAB877	Sterile container or Red top tube (no gel)	0.5mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to lab with next routine transport
Fluid Culture, Routine	LAB269	Sterile container or Red top tube (no gel)	0.5 mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do NOT refrigerate. • Store at Room Temperature
Fluid Culture, Routine (Anaerobic – no separate orderable in Epic)	LAB269	Anaerobe Transport Container (preferred) or Sterile container or Red top tube (no gel)	0.5mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do NOT refrigerate. • Store at Room Temperature • MUST request anaerobes in history / comment

NOTE: For tests other than those listed above refer to the APL Guide to Lab Services or DynaLIFE Test Directory.