FLUID COLLECTION, Non-Spinal Fluid

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use Fluid Collection Kit (RDRHC).
- 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.**

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| Cell Count | LAB | CCFLU | L#1 | Lavender top tube (EDTA) | 1.0 mL (maximum volume 3.0mL) | Cell Count/Differential:  
• Must be received within 24 h |
| Glucose, Protein and other chemistry tests | LAB | GLUFLU PROTFLU | R | Red top tube (no gel) | 0.5mL | Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to Lab with next routine transport |
| Crystals (on Synovial Fluid only) | LAB | CRYSNV | MISC | For larger volumes (≥ 2mL) in a clean container with a tight fighting lid (e.g. 100mL specimen container or 1L suction jar  
For small volumes (≤ 2mL) in a red top tube (no gel). Not included in collection kit. | • No minimum volume  
• Maximum volume 1000 mL  
• Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to Lab with next routine transport  
• DO NOT add cytofixative |
| Cytology | LAB | CYFL | MISC | Sterile container or Red top tube (no gel) | 0.5mL | Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to Lab with next routine transport |
| TB Culture | MIC | TBCU | STC | Sterile container or Red top tube (no gel) | 0.5mL | Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to Lab with next routine transport |
| Culture, aerobic | MIC | CUBF | STC | Sterile container or red tube top tube (no gel) | 0.5 mL | Refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to Lab with next routine transport |
| Culture, anaerobe Includes aerobic culture | MIC | CUANF | STC | Anaerobe Transport Container | 0.5mL | Anaerobe transport container with specimen  
• Do NOT refrigerate  
• Store at Room Temperature |

*For tests other than those listed above refer to Fluid Tests - Valid Order Chart. For further information see Central Zone Test Directory.*