

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**.

TEST*	Order Entry Category	Order Code	Container Type	Container	Minimum Volume	Rural Lab Instructions Transport Temperature
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				
Cytology	LAB	CYFL	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
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.

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