

BODY CAVITY FLUIDS (ABDOMINAL FLUID/ACITES, PLEURAL FLUID, PERICARDIAL FLUID)

Obtained for cytologic diagnosis of benign and malignant disease processes.

General Instructions:

1. Fluids should be collected in any container designated for this purpose (i.e., Vacutainer bottle, syringe (needle removed before sending to the Laboratory), specimen drainage bag).
2. Add approximately 1 mL (1000 units) of heparin for every 300 mL of fluid collected to prevent clotting of fluid.
3. Label container with the following information:
 - Patient name
 - Unit-record number
 - Specimen type
 - Time collected
 - Date collected
4. Complete the cytopathology requisition or test request on the hospital information system (HIS).
5. Place specimen in biohazard bag, attach requisition, and send to the Laboratory.