



Test Name	Test # Synonym	Specimen	Processing, transport
		Requirements	& stability
AFB culture and smear	6617 TB	Adult: ≥10 mL or as much fluid as possible in a sterile container Pediatric: ≥1 mL or as much fluid as possible in a sterile container	Transport refrigerated.
Albumin, pericardial, peritoneal, or pleural fluid	950 ALF	1.0 mL or as much as possible in a sterile container	Centrifuge for 5 minutes at 2000rcf and submit supernatant. Indicate source on container. Stable 5 days when stored at 2-8° C. Transport refrigerated
Albumin, other body fluids	994 MSO	1.0 mL	Transport refrigerated
Amylase, pericardial, pleural or drain fluid	32 AMF	1.0 mL or as much as possible, in a sterile container Acceptable sources: pleural, pericardial, and peritoneal and drain fluids	Centrifuge for 5 minutes at 2000rcf and submit supernatant. Indicate source on container. Stable 3 days when stored at 2-8°C. Transport refrigerated
Amylase, other body fluids	13370 AMYBF	1.0 mL ascitic fluid, cyst fluid etc. in a sterile container	Transport ambient
Anaerobic culture	6554 ANC	Transport specimen in A.C.T culture transport tube. Routine aerobic, anaerobic, fungus and AFB cultures can all be performed from this vial.	Transport ambient
Body fluid culture with Gram Stain	6558 BFL	As much fluid as possible in a 15mL Falcon tube (sterile) or sterile collection container	Transport at room temperature Must be received at Allina Health Laboratory within 24 hours of collection





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Cell Count & Differential,	BFD 9420	1.0 mL in a lavender	Transport refrigerated
Body Fluid		top (EDTA) Tube	Synovial, serous
			(seroma), pleural,
			pericardial, and
			peritoneal ONLY - Must
			be received at Allina
			Health Laboratory
			within 24 hours of
			collection
Chloride, body fluid	994 MSO	1.0 mL in a sterile	Transport refrigerated
		container	
Creatinine, pericardial,	86 CRF	1.0 mL or as much as	Centrifuge for 5
peritoneal, pleural or		possible in a sterile	minutes at 2000rcf
drain fluid		container	and submit
		Acceptable sources:	supernatant.
		pleural, pericardial, and	Indicate source on
		peritoneal and drain	container.
		fluids	Transport refrigerated
Creatinine, synovial fluid	994 MSO	1.0 mL in a sterile	Transport refrigerated
		container	
Crystal ID, body fluid	452 XTL	2.0 mL (0.5 mL	Transport at room
		minimum) in sterile 15	temperature
		mL Falcon Tube	Must be received at
			Allina Health
			Laboratory within 48
			hours of collection
Cytology	6301 APN	15mL Falcon tube	Transport refrigerated
		(sterile) or sterile	Vitreous fluids or
		collection container	washings submitted
			for Cytological
			examination must be
			delivered to Allina
			Health Laboratory
			immediately
Fungus culture, other	6579 FUN	As much fluid as is	Transport at room
sources		available in a sterile	temperature
		container	Must be received at
			AHL within 48 hours of
			collection





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Glucose, pericardial,	9107 GBF	1.0 mL in a sterile	Centrifuge for 5
peritoneal, or pleural	9107 GBF		minutes at 2000rcf
		container	
fluid, or drain		Acceptable sources:	and submit
		pleural, pericardial, and	supernatant.
		peritoneal and drain	Indicate source on
		fluids	container.
			Stable 3 days when stored at 2-8°C
LD Americation CCF	4.4222   DCCCCVN	1.0	Transport refrigerated
LD, Amniotic, CSF,	14223 LDCSFSYN	1.0 mL in a sterile	Transport at room
gastric or synovial fluid		container	temperature
LD, pericardial,	156 LDF	1.0 mL in a sterile	Centrifuge for 5
peritoneal, or pleural		container	minutes at 2000rcf
fluid		Acceptable sources:	and submit
		pleural, pericardial, and	supernatant.
		peritoneal and drain	Indicate source on
		fluids	container.
			Stable 3 days when
			stored at 2-8°C
			Transport refrigerated
Lyme disease PCR, CSF	13393 LYMEPCR	0.5 mL in a sterile	Indicate source on
or synovial fluid		container	container.
			Transport room
			temperature
Potassium, body fluid	994 MSO	1.0 mL in a sterile	Indicate source on
		container	container. Transport
			refrigerated
Protein, body fluid	9362 PBF	1.0 mL in a sterile	Centrifuge for 5
		container	minutes at 2000rcf and
		Acceptable sources:	submit supernatant.
		pleural, pericardial, and	Indicate source on
		peritoneal and drain	container.
		fluids	Stable 5 days when
			stored at 2-8°C
			Transport refrigerated
Sodium, body fluid	994 MSO	1.0 mL in a sterile	Indicate source on
		container	container.
			Transport refrigerated
Specific gravity,	371 SGF	1.0 mL in a sterile	Transport refrigerated
body fluid		container	
Uric Acid, body fluid	994 MSO	2.0 mL in a sterile	Indicate source on
	22122	container	container.
			Transport room
			temperature
			temperature



## **Body fluid test guide**

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Coinal fluid	CEE7 CCE	•	
Spinal fluid	6557 CSF	1.0 mL CSF in sterile	Do not refrigerate.
culture, stain		container	Transport immediately
Viral culture, general	13343 VIRALCULT	Varies. 1.0 mL of fluid	Transport refrigerated
		in a sterile container or	
		Copan UTM-RT (purple	
		cap) swab	