Miscellaneous Body Fluid Collection
Non-Cytology

Please refer to Cytology Collection for Cytology Specimens
Please refer to Microbiology Collection for Microbiology Specimens

Body Fluids

Joint fluid, pericardial fluid, pleural fluid, abdominal fluid, etc.

Please follow the suggested protocol after obtaining the fluid:

For Cell Count, place an aliquot of sample in a lavender tube.

Crystals place an aliquot of sample in a plain green top tube with no gel.

Tests for Chemistry place an aliquot of sample in a plain red top tube.

Please label each tube with the patient’s name, medical record number, date and time of specimen collection.