

HOTLINE: Effective August 19, 2019

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Body Fluid Culture and Gram Stain

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Specimen Required: Collect: Aspirate of amniotic, culdocentesis, pericardial, peritoneal, synovial, thoracentesis **or other normally sterile body fluid.**
Specimen Preparation: Transfer 5 mL aspirate to a **Sterile Container.** (Min: 2 mL) Place each specimen in an individually sealed bag.
Storage/Transport Temperature: Room temperature.
Remarks: Specimen source required.
Unacceptable Conditions: **CSF or blood. Syringes** with needle attached.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable

Note: Gram stain, identification, and susceptibility tests are billed separately from culture. Anaerobe culture is NOT included with this order. Anaerobe culture is recommended for body fluids, tissue, and deep wound/surgical cultures. If anaerobe culture is needed, please order Anaerobe Culture (ARUP test code 0060143) and use anaerobic collection device for transportation.

For CSF, order Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Culture and Gram Stain (ARUP test code 0060106). For blood, order Blood Culture (ARUP test code 0060102) or Blood Culture, AFB and Fungal (ARUP test code 0060024).