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Rheumatoid Factor, Body Fluid**RA-FL**

Specimen Required: Collect: CSF, Pericardial, Pleural, or Synovial fluid.

New York State Clients: Pericardial fluid requires NY clients to submit a Non-Permitted Laboratory Request (NPL) form to NYSDOH.

Specimen Preparation: Centrifuge to remove cellular material. Transfer 1 mL body fluid to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Remarks: **Specimen source must be provided.**

Unacceptable Conditions: Specimen types other than those listed. Specimens too viscous to be aspirated by instrument.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 1 week; Frozen: 1 month (should not be thawed more than once)