

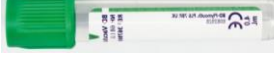

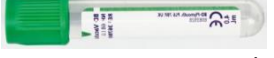





Body Fluid Specimen Collection Guide: (excluding CSF)

Test	Container	Comments
BF Cell Count (WBC, RBC) and Diff	Lavender K2EDTA tube,  or Dark Green Sodium Heparin tube  Add minimum 1 mL sample to tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add fluid immediately upon collection • Mix by inverting tube slowly 8 times to prevent clotting
BF Crystals	Dark Green Sodium Heparin tube  Add minimum 1 mL sample to tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add fluid immediately upon collection • Mix by inverting tube slowly 8 times to prevent clotting
Chemistry tests	Plain Red top tube  Add minimum 5 mL sample to tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use sterile container for larger volumes
Fluid pH	Heparinized syringe, Minimum 0.5 mL in syringe, no air, or Dark Green Sodium Heparin  Minimum 1 mL sample to tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect anaerobically • Keep on ice until testing is performed • Must be analyzed within 1 hour
Fluid Culture AFB Culture Fungal Culture	Sterile container  or Plain Red top tube  Add minimum 1-2 mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultures are performed at Women and Infants Microbiology Lab ext. 41191
Cytology	Sterile container  Add minimum of 10 mL sample to container. (>50 mL preferred)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompany specimen with completed Cytology Requisition Form • Label specimen container with 2 patient identifiers and specimen source • Deliver to Kent Main Lab immediately or refrigerate if transport is delayed