

Body Fluid Culture



Alternate Name:	Ascitic, joint, pericardial, peritoneal, pleural, and synovial fluid
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Sterile screw-cap container Syringe with needle removed prior to bringing to the laboratory.
Minimum Volume Required:	0.5 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	Preliminary reports for aerobic organisms are reported after 24 hours. Anaerobic organisms can be reported after 48 hours. Complete reports including both aerobes and anaerobes may take as long as 10 days after receipt of culture.
Special Handling:	Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	No growth
Critical Value:	None
CPT Code:	87070 Culture 87205 Gram Stain
Testing Methodology:	Culture
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling Specimen not collected in sterile container. Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of

collection.

Other Comments:

The specific site of the specimen must be stated.

Clinical Significance:

N/A