

BODY FLUID TEST GUIDE

Test Name	Test # / Code	Specimen Requirements	Specimen Storage	Requisition
Cell Count/Diff	9420/ BFD	EDTA (Purple)	Refrigerate <i>Must be received at AML within 24 hours of collection</i>	Blue Clinical
Crystal Identification	425/ XTL	Plain Red Top	Refrigerate <i>Must be received at AML within 48 hours of collection</i>	Blue Clinical
Culture & Sensitivity (Bacterial) with Gram Stain	6558/ BFL	Sterile tube or collection container	Room Temperature <i>Must be received at AML within 24 hours of collection</i>	Blue Clinical <i>Please indicate source on requisition</i>
Anaerobic Culture	6554/ ANC	<p>Specimen can be transported in Port-A-Cul vial. This system will accommodate aerobic, anaerobic and facultative organisms.</p> <p>Store Port-A-Cul at room temp.</p> <p>Do not use past expiration date on vial or if a pink to lavender band is present at top of medium.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before collecting specimen, remove green flip cap. 2. Disinfect rubber stopper with appropriate disinfectant. 3. Expel air from syringe. 4. Collect specimen. 5. Push needle through rubber stopper. 6. Slowly inject on top of agar. 	Room Temperature <i>Must be received at AML within 24 hours of collection</i>	Blue Clinical <i>Please indicate source on requisition</i>
Cytology	None	<p>Specimen can be transported in collection syringe. Express all air, remove needle from syringe & cap. Specimen can also be placed into a screw-top container, tightly sealed.</p>	Refrigerate **	Non-Gyn Cytology

**** Vitreous fluids/washings submitted for Cytological examination must be delivered to AML immediately, and CSF for Cytological examination must reach AML within 2 hours of collection. Any other specimens for cytology or any additional testing must be received at AML within 24 hours of collection.**