

TEST	Body Fluid Culture and Sensitivity with Gram Stain
SYNONYM/S	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abdominal/Ascitic/Peritoneal Fluid Culture and Sensitivity with Gram Stain 2. Joint/Synovial Fluid Culture and Sensitivity with Gram Stain 3. Pericardial Fluid Culture and Sensitivity with Gram Stain 4. Pleural Fluid Culture and Sensitivity with Gram Stain 5. Cerebrospinal Fluid Culture and Sensitivity with Gram Stain
LAB SECTION	Bacteriology
AVAILABILITY	Daily (24 hours)
TURN AROUND TIME (TAT) (upon receipt of the laboratory)	3 days
PATIENT PREPARATION	No special patient preparation is necessary
SPECIMEN	Aseptically aspirated body fluid (except urine) from a normally sterile site. Do not submit swabs.
VOLUME OF SPECIMEN	0.5 ml – 15 ml
CONTAINER	<p>Sterile Container</p> <p>Specimen site and date/time of collection are required for processing and should be indicated in the container.</p>
CAUSES OF REJECTION	<p>Specimen not transported to laboratory immediately after collection</p> <p>Specimen not submitted in appropriate transport container</p> <p>Improperly labeled specimen; insufficient volume; external contamination</p> <p>Note: If an unacceptable specimen is received, the physician or nursing station will be notified and another specimen will be requested before the specimen is discarded.</p>
COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aspirate fluid with a sterile syringe and needle. 2. Expel air bubbles from syringe. 3. Aseptically transfer specimen into sterile container. 4. Transport to laboratory immediately after collection
NORMAL VALUE	No growth after 48 hours of incubation.

METHODOLOGY	Bacterial culture
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