
EFFUSIONS

Synonyms:

- *Pleural fluid*
- *Peritoneal fluid*
- *Pericardial fluid*
- *Paracentesis*
- *Abdominal fluid*
- *Ascites*
- *Lung fluid*

Test Code: 9012 / **CPT Code:** 88112 (fluid) and 88305 (cell block)

Supplies:

1. Non-sterile specimen container with 30ml of CytoLyt
 2. Yellow Non-Gyn requisition card
 3. Biohazard Bag
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Collection:

1. USE UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS.
 2. All effusions less than or equal to 30ml in volume should be IMMEDIATELY collected in CytoLyt.
 3. For larger volumes, up to a 50ml aliquot of specimen should be IMMEDIATELY transferred to the container of CytoLyt.
 - Try to include any visible clots in specimen to be submitted.
 - Only submit one CytoLyt container for each specimen.
 - Write the collection date on the remaining specimen and store in refrigerator until an adequate report is received.
 - Dispose of the remaining specimen according to Biohazard procedure.
 4. Secure the lid and label specimen container with the following:
 - Patient's name
 - Physician's name
 - Source of specimen
 - Date of collection
 5. Complete the yellow Non-Gyn requisition card with the following information:
 - Patient's name, birth date and sex
 - Physician's name and clinic account number
 - Source of specimen
 - Date of collection
 - All pertinent clinical information (especially history of cancer, chemotherapy and radiation treatments)
 - A separate requisition card must be filled out for each specimen.
 6. Send specimen container and requisition card in a Biohazard bag to DCCC.
 - Tighten lid of CytoLyt container, place the specimen in the ziplock portion of the bag and seal it.
 - Place the yellow Non-Gyn requisition card into the back pocket with the overlapping flaps.
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Storage Instructions:

1. If more than a 24-hr delay is anticipated between collection and receipt in the laboratory, please refrigerate specimen.
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