

# Fluid Specimens: General Fluids (except BAL/ Bronch Wash/ CSF)

## Used For: (Requisition needed for testing)

- Pathology/Histology (*Surgical Pathology/ Non-GYN Cytology Form*)
- Cytology (*Surgical Pathology/ Non-GYN Cytology Form*)
- Cultures (*Micro & General Laboratory Requisition*)
- Chemistry and Cell Counts (*Micro & General Laboratory Requisition*)
- Flow Cytometry and other misc. Send out testing (*Micro & General Laboratory Requisition*)

## Collection:

- Appropriate size container to hold all fluid
  - Must be sterile if sending for cultures
- Write fluid type and corresponding letter from requisition identifying the specimen type (i.e. pleural fluid, paracentesis, etc.)
- Label container and requisition with patient information (two unique patient identifiers)
  - Can use Patient Generic Chart Label
- Fill out appropriate requisition with all required information (See example requisitions for specifics)
- **Small quantity of specimen for multiple tests:** Please prioritize tests on the requisition. This prevents further calls and important tests being missed.
- If collecting in a syringe, please remove needle from syringe before delivery. Specimens with needles still attached will not be accepted.

## Transport:

- Deliver to lab immediately after collection to prevent deterioration of specimen viability
- Fluids must be kept refrigerated after collection if not transported immediately
- Required materials for transport:
  - Correct Requisition
  - Specimen(s) in appropriate container(s)
  - Additional Patient Generic Chart Label for Lab Log Book

# Fluid Specimens: CSF only

## Used For: (Requisition needed for testing)

- Pathology diagnosis (*Surgical Pathology/ Non-GYN Cytology Form*)
- Cytology (*Surgical Pathology/ Non-GYN Cytology Form*)
- Cultures (*Micro & General Laboratory Requisition*)
- Chemistry and Cell Counts (*Micro & General Laboratory Requisition*)
- Flow Cytometry and other misc. Send out testing (*Micro & General Laboratory Requisition*)

## Collection:

- Sterile CSF containers
- Distinguish order of collection on the collection containers(i.e. 1 through 4)
- Label each container and requisition with patient information (two unique patient identifiers)
  - Can use Patient Generic Chart Label
- Fill out appropriate requisition with all required information (See example requisitions for specifics)
- **Small quantity of specimen for multiple tests:** Please prioritize tests on the requisition. This prevents further calls and important tests being missed.

## Transport:

- Deliver to lab immediately after collection to prevent deterioration of specimen viability
- Do NOT send in pneumatic tube system
- **Time Sensitive Specimen**
- Required materials for transport:
  - Correct Requisition
  - CSF Specimen(s)
  - Additional Patient Generic Chart Label for Lab Log Book

# Fluid Specimens: BAL/Bronch Wash

**Used For: All are located on *Bronchoscopy: Microbiology, Cytology and Pathology Order Form***

- Cytology/Pathology
- Cultures
- Other misc. Send out testing

## **Collection:**

- Sterile respiratory collection containers
- Distinguish location of collection (i.e. RUL, LUL, etc.) on container and requisition
- Label container and order form with patient information (two unique patient identifiers)
  - Can use Patient Generic Chart Label
- **Small quantity of specimen for multiple tests:** Please prioritize tests on the requisition. This prevents further calls and important tests being missed.

## **Transport:**

- Deliver to lab immediately after collection to prevent deterioration of specimen viability
- **Time Sensitive Specimen**
- Required materials for transport:
  - Specimen(s)
  - *Bronchoscopy: Microbiology, Cytology and Pathology Order Form*
  - Additional Patient Generic Chart Label for Lab Log Book