

Body Fluid collection Min-Max volumes 12.80.L02

Department	Source	Minimum	Maximum
Cytology:	Pleural, Ascites/Peritoneal, Pericardial	50 mL	200mL
	CSF (send to hematology)	1 mL	Send all collected
	Other Body Fluids	10 mL	100 mL
	Chemistry	1 mL	10 mL
	Hematology	1 mL	10 mL
	Flow Cytometry	0.5 mL	5 mL
	Molecular	0.5 mL	5 mL

Department	Source	Culture	Minimum	Preferred	Maximum
Microbiology	Ascites/Peritoneal	Bacterial	6 mL	10 mL	20 mL
		Acid fast	NA*	5 mL	5 mL
		Fungal	5 mL	10 mL	15 mL
	Peritoneal Dialysis Fluid	Any culture	50 mL	50 mL	50 mL
	Pericardial, Bile, Abdominal, Amniotic	Bacterial/Fungal	2 mL	5 mL	10 mL
		Acid fast	NA*	5 mL	5 mL
	CSF	Bacterial/Fungal	2 mL	3 mL	3 mL
		Acid fast	NA*	3 mL	4 mL
	Synovial	Bacterial/Fungal	0.5 mL	2 mL	3 mL
		Acid fast	NA*	2 mL	3 mL
	Pleural	Bacterial/Fungal	1 mL	5 mL	10 mL
		Acid fast	NA*	5 mL	10 mL

BRONCHIAL ALVEOLAR LAVAGE (BAL) SPECIMENS				
Department		Minimum	Maximum	
	Cytology	10 mL	50 mL	
	Flow Cytometry	1mL	3 mL	
	Hematology	0.5 mL	3 mL	
Department	Culture	Minimum	Preferred	Maximum
Microbiology	Bacterial	2 mL	3 mL	5 mL
	Acid fast	NA*	3 mL	5 mL
	Fungal	0.5 mL	3 mL	5 mL

*Acid fast cultures will be set up with any minimal volume with the addition of a disclaimer on the appropriate specimens and collection devices.