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Pleural Fluid

Synonyms

Pleural Aspirate

Clinical Indication

Part of Profile / See Also

 Microscopy: Microscopy for WBCs & Organisms
 Culture: Aerobic and anaerobic organisms

If AFB / Mycobacteria required this is a separate request. Refer to PF-PTD 215.

Request Form

Order comms request (ICE / Medway) or Manual Pathology /Microbiology request form

Availability / Frequency of Analysis

On receipt during working day or out of hours as specified below.

For urgent requests please contact laboratory 01268 968285 / 01268 968232

Out of hours please contact on call Microbiology lab staff via switchboard

Turnaround Time

Culture: Routine – 5 days; Mycobacteria - up to 12 weeks for a negative report.

Patient Preparation

Sample Requirements

Refrigerate sample if there is to be a delay in delivery to laboratory.

Specimen Type

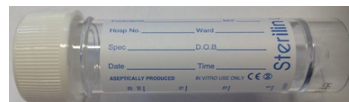
Pleural fluid

Volume

20 ml (minimum acceptable 2 ml)

Container

White top sterile universal container – CE marked



Reference Range & Units

N/A

Interferences

Interpretation & Clinical

Decision Value (if applicable)

Microbiology Consultants are responsible for giving clinical advice when required.

References

Test code

PFLU

Lab Handling

Process on receipt.