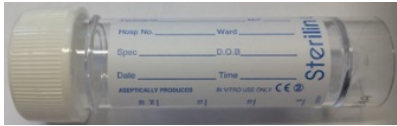


Ascitic fluid (Microbiology)

Synonyms	
Clinical Indication	Please give detailed clinical information, including date of onset/contact with the suspected infection and any current, or intended, antibiotic therapy
Part of Profile / See Also	Microscopy, White Blood Cell (WBC) count and differential if WBC count is >50/mm ³ . The sample will be cultured for aerobic and anaerobic organisms
Request Form	Order comms / ICE or Medway request or clearly hand written manual request form
Availability / Frequency of Analysis	On request
Turnaround Time	Microscopy - same day of receipt Culture - 48 hours for primary result, 10 days for extended incubation if required.
Patient Preparation	
Sample Requirements	
Specimen Type	Ascitic fluid
Volume	Minimum 2 ml
Container	 <p>White Capped Universal (Sterile)</p> <p>Samples should be transported to laboratory immediately</p>
Reference Range & Units	
Interferences	
Interpretation & Clinical Decision Value (if applicable)	
References	PHE SMI B26
Test code	ASCF
Lab Handling	Process on receipt