

LAB182 Bilirubin, Body Fluid

BMC

Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Peritoneal, Ascites or Pleural Fluid

Preferred Container

Red top tube

Alternate Container

Sterile collection cup, Green top tube

Minimum Volume to Submit for Testing

1.0 mL fluid

Multiple test can be performed from this volume.

For question please contact the lab at 547-3975.

Storage Requirements

Specimens not delivered to laboratory within 2 hour should be refrigerated at 2-8°C

Protect specimen from light (Wrapped in Foil)

Indicate body fluid type in Epic and/or on specimen.

Transportation Needs

Deliver specimen to the laboratory within 2 hours of collection.

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Insufficient quantity for assay, grossly bloody sample

Grossly bloody sample

> 3 days refrigerated not protected from light

> 24 hours room temperature not protected from light

> 3 months frozen not protected from light

Reference Values

Fluid	Units	Reference Range
Ascites		Not Established

Ascites Bili >6 mg/dL and Fluid-to-Serum Ratio >1.0 suggest bile leakage into the peritoneum.

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology
Beckman Au Series

CPT Code
82247