

## LAB269 Fluid Culture

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### Performing Location(s)

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### Specimen Type

Sterile Body Fluid

### Preferred Container

Sterile Container

### Alternate Container

Bact/Alert Blood Culture vials

### Volume Required

5 mL

### Minimum Volume

0.5 mL

### Storage Requirements

Deliver to laboratory as soon as possible; DO NOT REFRIGERATE.

### Transportation Needs

Deliver to the laboratory as soon as possible.

Specimens for anaerobic cultures must be transported anaerobically.

### Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Sample > 72 hrs old

### Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
All Populations	None	No Growth

### Reflex Testing

Pleural and Peritoneal fluids submitted in proper container (A.C.T Dual or anaerobic transport media) will also be processed and billed for anaerobic culture.

Organism identification and susceptibility studies are performed as appropriate, according to established protocols that have been approved by the Clinical Laboratory Director.

Call Microbiology, 547-3707 for details.

There may be additional charges for these identification and susceptibility procedures.

**Available STAT**

No

**Methodology**

Aerobic (& Anaerobic) Culture

**CPT Code**

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