

LAB21007 WBCs in Nasal Fluid

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Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Culturette swab or 2 thin dried smears

Volume to Submit for Testing

1 mL Nasal Fluid

Minimum Volume

One dried smear

Storage Requirements

Keep at room temperature, if delivery to the laboratory is delayed.

Transportation Needs

Deliver to the laboratory immediately.

If submitting prepared smears, transport to lab in cardboard or plastic slide container.

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Excessively thick smears

Insufficient quantity of sample

Clotted

Too viscous

Nasal swab not sterile

> 8 hours at room temperature

Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
All populations	(none)	No WBCs present

Available STAT

Yes

Methodology

Microscopic evaluation of Wright's stained smears

CPT Code

89190