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| Body Cavity Fluids (Peritoneal Wash, Pleural Ascites, Pericardial, etc): **Day(s) / Time(s) Performed:** | **Monday - Friday**  **8am-5pm** |
| Turn Around Time\*\*: | 24 hours |
| **Specimen Collection Supplies:** | • **EDTA or Sodium Heparin**  • **Specimen Collection Container** |
| Specimen Collection: | Optimum volume is 100-300ml (more if available).  For bloody specimens, add 0.5ml EDTA or Sodium Heparin for every 100ml collected into a clean container. |
| **Specimen Handling:** | **Room temperature if specimen is delivered upon collection\***  **\*If delivery delay is anticipated, refrigerate** |
| Specimen Requirements: | • Labeled with two (2) patient identifiers  • Completed Cytology Specimen Requisition  • All specimens should be placed in a secondary “Biohazard Safety Bag”. |
| **Transportation:** | **As Soon As Possible Delivered / Send to Laboratory or Teton Pathology** |
| Comments / Special Instructions: | Do not use formalin as a fixative |
| **Rejection Criteria:** | • **Inadequate Information / Missing Requisition**  • **Unlabeled / Mislabeled Specimen**  • **Specimen received in inappropriate fixative** |
| Retention Time of Specimen: | One (1) Week After Final Report is Issued |
| **Laboratory Testing Performed:** | **Cytopathology – Teton Pathology** |