

Laboratory Testing Update

Effective: 05/23/2024

Test code: Lab 213 Joint fluid Crystal Analysis

Source: Tissue

When placing an order for joint fluid crystal analysis, tissue has been removed as a source. The only acceptable specimen source is joint fluid. If a tissue specimen must be submitted for crystal analysis, please use lab order **LAB 8008 Pathology Tissue request and in the order, indicate specimen is to rule out gout.**

Specimen stability is 24 hours. Refrigeration will slow the decomposition of the tissue.

Unacceptable specimens: Tissues submitted in saline or formalin. Any aqueous solution will dissolve the urate crystals and make it impossible to see under the microscope.

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