Labcorp LabAlert

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An Important Update from Laboratory Services

BODY FLUID TOTAL CHOLESTEROL TESTING IS BROUGHT IN-HOUSE

Effective June 10, 2026, Total Cholesterol in body fluids will be performed at Labcorp at Legacy Good Samaritan Laboratory (Orderable: **BF CHOL T**). Specimen requirements are summarized in tables 1 and 2.

Table 1: Specimen Requirements	
Acceptable fluids	• Pleural fluid • For a complete list of fluids accepted by the laboratory, refer to Table 2.
Collect	Body fluid, one sterile container, without additives. • **Do not use tubes with anti-coagulant.** • Indicate source of body fluid on the collection container and test request form.
	NOTE: Specimens collected or aliquoted into serum tubes (gold SST or red top tubes) are not preferred, but will be accepted, and reported with a disclaimer, if known.
Handling	Process sample within 4 hours of collection.
Preferred Volume	1.0 mL aliquot
Minimum Volume	0.25 mL aliquot
Transport	If sample is transported from another Legacy facility, transport aliquot refrigerated. Do not send large collection containers (*i.e.,* ASEPT® drainage bottle or evacuated glass container).
Rejection	• Collected with anti-coagulant • Fluid from sources other than human body • Fluid from sources not listed on Table 2.

Table 2: Acceptable Body Fluids		
Source		**Examples of Acceptable Body Fluids**
Peritoneal		Ascitic Fluid; Serous Fluid from Paracentesis; Abdominal Wall Fluid (serous fluid only; not gastric fluid)
Pleural		Serous Fluid from Thoracentesis; Chest Tube Fluid (CT)
Pericardial		Fluid from Around Heart
Amniotic		Fluid Protecting Unborn Child
Synovial		Joint Fluid; Fluid from Arthrocentesis
Other	**Dialysates, Effluents, Drains, and Outputs**	JP Drainage Fluid, specify location; Dialysis Fluid or Effluent (Dialysate); Biliary Drain; Pancreatic Fluid, Drain, or Output; Peri-pancreatic Drain; Gallbladder Fossa Drain; Hepatic Drain; Peri-hepatic Drain; Ileostomy Output; Bronchial Lavage; Kidney Fluid, specify right or left; Peri-Renal abscess/fluid
	Cysts	Fluid from Cysts, specify location
	Other Fluids	Para-spinal fluid; Facial Fluid Collection; Fluid from Tongue (i.e., Squamous Cell Carcinoma); Fluid from Abscesses, specify location; Fluid from Urinoma (This is not the same as urine. Urine shall be run on urine tests only.)

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