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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** |