

Laboratory Testing Update

Date: February 2024

RE: Body Fluid pH

Effective, **02/19/2024** Body Fluid pH [LAB110] will no longer be performed on Non-Pleural Fluid specimens at Preferred Lab Partners, but will be sent to reference lab: Lab Corp. **Pleural Fluid pH testing will continue to be performed at Preferred Lab Partners.**

Epic Orderable: LAB 110 will remain the same, the orderable name will be updated to a REf-Lab test, specifying source as non-pleural fluid" Body Fluid pH (non-pleural fluid)-REF LAB

Orderable instructions: Body fluid source MUST be specified

Specimen Requirements: Serous fluids - pericardial or ascitic

Volume: 5mL Minimum volume: 1mL

Container: Lithium heparin tube (to prevent clotting, especially if syringe has not been rinsed with heparin). Samples should be collected anaerobically.

Transport and Storage instructions: Room Temperature

Expected turnaround time: 2-4 days.

If you have any questions concerning this update, please contact Chris Sullinger, Hematology Manager, at 859-301-0792.

For all the information regarding Labcorp body fluid pH testing please click on the link: [Body Fluid pH Labcorp](https://www.labcorp.com/tests/011254/ph-body-fluid) or visit www.labcorp.com/tests/011254/ph-body-fluid