

Oregon Health & Science University
Department of Pathology
Phlebotomy

Body Fluid Specimen Collection

All body fluids are perishable and immediate delivery to the Laboratory is recommended. CSF specimens are handled as urgent specimens. Samples should be bagged with appropriate requisitions and delivered to the Core Lab. For the most complete and accurate results, tubes should be collected as specified below:

CSF:

- Tube #1 Chemistry
- Tube #2 Microbiology
- Tube #3 Hematology
- Tube #4 Other (Cytology, Immunology, etc.)

Synovial Fluid:

- Lavender top tube Hematology
- Red top tube Hematology/Chemistry
- Sterile container Microbiology

Misc. Body Fluids:

- Lavender top tube Hematology
- Red top tube Chemistry
- Sterile container Microbiology

For more information, call Lab Central at 503-494-7383.