

Sutter Roseville Medical Center	Section: Specimen Management <i>CL. PRE02.07-/-RV.01</i>
<b>Managing Fluids and CSF Specimens</b>	Initiated/Owned by: SRMC Client Service Supervisor
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**Purpose:** To provide instructions on how to manage various Fluid and CSF samples for Laboratory and Pathology testing.

**Policy:**

- Adhere to all “special instructions” regarding tube numbers (example: Cell Count on tube 1, or Hold tube 4)
- Print a worksheet to determine which tube is needed for each tests
- All slides for Cytology testing will be made by the Pathology Department and will not be made in the Clinical Laboratory
- Pathology specimens will be delivered twice daily Monday through Friday (08:00 AM and 15:30 PM) to the Pathology Department with the Pathology Specimen Log
- The Pathology Department will sign the log documenting specimen receipt

**Procedure:** Follow the steps in the table below for managing Fluid and CSF specimens

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2	Check the eHR Pathology tab and Lab tab to verify if Cytology orders have been placed						

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3	Print eHR order if a paper requisition was not received with the specimen(s)						
4	Receive specimen(s) in Sunquest <i>(Refer to Receiving Specimens in the Laboratory Information System procedure)</i> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 415 1393 720" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="427 415 849 447">IF</th> <th data-bbox="849 415 1393 447">THEN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 447 849 615">Non-GYN Cytology tests are ordered</td> <td data-bbox="849 447 1393 615">Order code FCYTO (for all fluids, including CSF) will automatically interface into Sunquest for specimen receipt</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 615 849 720">CSF Culture is ordered</td> <td data-bbox="849 615 1393 720">Must order a STAT Gram Stain for inpatient samples only</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	IF	THEN	Non-GYN Cytology tests are ordered	Order code FCYTO (for all fluids, including CSF) will automatically interface into Sunquest for specimen receipt	CSF Culture is ordered	Must order a STAT Gram Stain for inpatient samples only
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5	Generate extra Sunquest labels for specimen labeling						
6	Label each tube and/or container with one Sunquest flag label and initial						
7	Deliver specimen(s) to the Fluid testing bench in Auto Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All CSF sample tubes or fluid containers (labeled and initialed)</li> <li>➤ All Sunquest labels</li> <li>➤ All original paperwork/test orders</li> </ul>						
8	Notify the Clinical Lab Scientist that a STAT CSF/Fluid specimen is in the department						
9	When in-house testing is complete, and/or the specimen is prepared for Pathology, the Clinical Lab Scientist will deliver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Check with Pathology to confirm that they have a sample</li> <li>➤ SLA will pour off sample and share with Pathology</li> <li>➤ If cytology is ordered and no other testing is ordered, the SLA will alert the CLS to result the FCYTO order</li> </ul>						

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