



Serous or Synovial Fluid

Collection Procedure

1. Put on gloves.
2. Cleanse the puncture site.
 - Use a 70% alcohol pad to clean in a circular area over the site, using strokes from inside to outside for a diameter of 2 to 3 inches.
 - Crush the capsule of a ChloroPrep. Clean the area with a ChloroPrep using a back and forth scrubbing motion. Scrub for 30 seconds.
 - Allow ChloroPrep to dry for 30 seconds.
3. Perform the puncture using a sterile needle and syringe.
4. Submit fluid in a lavender-top/liquid EDTA tube for Cell Count and Differential.
5. For all other testing, submit fluid in a sterile container.
6. Transport immediately to the laboratory.