



# Physician Alert



April 30, 2014

## Pleural Fluid ph

**Date Effective: Immediately**

Aerobic testing of **pleural fluid ph**, as it is now performed, is no longer considered of clinical value. Therefore, the current test will be discontinued as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

**Clinically appropriate ph testing in anaerobic conditions can be obtained in a similar fashion as blood gases measurement.**

**Please contact your local blood gases team prior to collection.**

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