



CLINICAL PRACTICE CHANGE

Body Fluid Analysis Reporting

Date Effective: April 21, 2016

Background Information:

- DSM Clinical Biochemistry provides body fluid analysis to elucidate various disease etiologies.
- Due to complexities of clinical interpretations of body fluid types and matrix effects, a standard guide for acceptable tests on body fluids is essential. This ensures tests available are validated as accurate.
- Reporting of the results of body fluids is being standardized for easier reporting and to meet accreditation requirements.

Change in or New Test Procedure:

- Effective April 21, 2016, biochemical analysis of body fluids and reporting will be standardized.
- Reports will have both results and interpretive guide.
- Results in Electronic Medical Records (EMR) will be listed under the appropriate fluid type (anatomic region such as synovial fluid, peritoneal fluid, pleural fluid, etc).
- Only appropriate tests indicated for the body fluids will be processed automatically. Tests outside the appropriate indications would require consult with a Clinical Biochemist. Ordering professional will be notified by the lab when a Clinical Biochemist consult is required.

Patient Impact:

- There is no anticipated impact on sample collection.
- The new process will improve turnaround time (TAT) and improve report interpretation.

More information: DSM Lab Information Manual (LIM)

<https://apps.sbgf.mb.ca/labmanual/test/findTestPrepare>

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