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**General Information**

- **Lab Order Codes:** BFC
- **Synonyms:** Body Fluid Count
- **CPT Codes:**
  - 89050 - Cell count, miscellaneous body fluids
  - 89051 - Cell count with differential
- **Test Includes:** RBC, WBC and Differential if WBC > 10 cells/mL

**Logistics**

- **Test Indications:** Evaluation of body fluids for the presence of WBC and RBC which may indicate infection, hemorrhage or malignant neoplasm
- **Lab Testing Sections:** Hematology
- **Phone Numbers:**
  - MIN Lab: 612-813-6280
  - STP Lab: 651-220-6550
- **Test Availability:** Daily, 24 hours
- **Turnaround Time:** 4 hours
- **Special Instructions:** Specimen must arrive within 1 hour of collection. Indicate source of specimen on request form. Do Not send to laboratory through the pneumatic tube system.

**Specimen**

- **Specimen Type:** Fluid (Specify type)
- **Container:** Specimens collected with or without anticoagulant. If collected with anticoagulant, use heparin or EDTA.
- **Draw Volume:** 1 mL fluid
- **Processed Volume:** Minimum: 0.5 mL fluid
- **Collection:** Dependant on fluid type
Special Processing: N/A

Patient Preparation: None

Sample Rejection: Clotted sample, slide will be processed to check for most common WBC cell type; mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

**Interpretive**

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Critical Values: N/A

Limitations: N/A

Methodology: Light microscopy