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**Lab Dept:** Other Fluids

**Test Name:** HEMATOCRIT, FLUID

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***General Information***

**Lab Order Codes:** FHCT

**Synonyms:** Hematocrit, Body Fluid; PCV, Fluid; Packed Cell Volume, Fluid; Microhematocrit, Fluid; Hct, Fluid

**CPT Codes:** 85013 - Spun microhematocrit

**Test Includes:** Fluid hematocrit as a per cent

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***Logistics***

**Test Indications:** Serves as an index of bleeding into body cavity, e.g. peritoneum

**Lab Testing Sections:** Hematology

**Phone Numbers:** MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

**Test Availability:** Daily, 24 hours

**Turnaround Time:** 2 hours

**Special Instructions:** **Note:** Indicate source of specimen on request form.

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***Specimen***

**Specimen Type:** Body fluid (specify fluid type)

**Container:** Lavender top tube (EDTA)

**Draw Volume:** 0.5 mL in Lavender Microtainer® or 2 mL in Lavender tube

**Processed Volume:** Minimum: 0.5 mL fluid

**Collection:** Dependant on fluid type

**Special Processing:** N/A

**Patient Preparation:** None

**Sample Rejection:** Clotted sample; non-anticoagulated specimen; mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

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***Interpretive***

**Reference Range:** <1.0%

**Critical Values:** N/A

**Limitations:** N/A

**Methodology:** Manual, Hematocrit Centrifuge

**References:** Strasinger SK (1989) Urinalysis and Body Fluids, ed 2, FA Davis Company