
Lab Dept: Other Fluids

Test Name: HEMATOCRIT, FLUID

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

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.

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

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