

CSF / FLUID ASPIRATE CELL IDENTIFICATION

Description	Cytocentrifuge preparations of CSF, or Ascitic fluid, or Pleural fluid, on microscope slides, for the identification of various blood cell types. Often used to detect leukaemia / lymphoma infiltration in these fluids, and the test is sometimes followed-up by Immunophenotyping, to determine if malignant haematological cells are present.
Indication	Suspected involvement by Leukaemia/Lymphoma outside of the Blood or Bone marrow. SHOULD NOT be confused with examinations to detect Meningitis in the CNS.
Additional Info	N/A
Concurrent Tests	N/A
Interpretation	Presence or absence of potentially malignant Haematological cells in the fluid being tested
Collection Conditions	Samples MUST reach the Lab before 4pm and within 2hrs of being taken. Samples that have been kept on the bench/refrigerated overnight will be reported as unsuitable. Enquire with Haematology SPR if necessary.
Frequency Of Testing	As appropriate
Clinical AdviceContact	Haematology SPR