

CLINICAL PATHOLOGY SUBMISSION GUIDE

Test Requested	Acceptable Specimens	Minimum Volume	Shipping
CBC Mammalian	EDTA whole blood; 1-2 air-dried peripheral blood smears kept dry at room temp	0.5 mL	Ship with cold packs. Protect slides from cold packs.
CBC Nonmammalian	EDTA or heparinized whole blood; 1-2 air-dried peripheral blood smears kept dry at room temp	0.5 mL	Ship with cold packs. Protect slides from cold packs.
Fluid (Peritoneal, Pericardial, Pleural, Synovial)	Body fluid in EDTA (preferred) or plain red top; 1-2 air-dried direct smears kept dry at room temp	0.5 mL	Ship with cold packs. Protect slides from cold packs.
Cytology	Air-dried slides prepared at collection; fluid in EDTA (preferred) or plain red top		Ship slides at room temperature protected from moisture. Ship fluid with cold packs.
Bone Marrow Evaluation	Air-dried slides prepared at collection along with a recent (within 24 hours) CBC		Ship slides at room temperature protected from moisture.
Bile acids	Separated serum or heparinized plasma	0.5 mL	Ship overnight on cold packs.
PT/PTT	Citrated plasma, separated and frozen. Please also submit plasma from a healthy animal with similar sample handling.		Ship frozen.
Chemistries	Separated serum or heparinized plasma or fluid; do not send whole blood.	0.5 mL	Ship on cold packs.
Urinalysis	Urine in leak-proof cup or non-silicated plain red top tube	1 mL, 7 mL preferred	Ship overnight on cold packs.
Urine Protein Creatinine	Urine in plain red top tube	0.5 mL	Ship on cold packs.
Crossmatch	Available upon request; contact Clinical Pathology Lab at 225-578-9595		Ship on cold packs.
CSF	Fluid in EDTA (preferred) or plain red top; 1-2 air-dried direct smears kept dry at room temp	0.5 mL (if less, call)	Ship on cold packs. Protect slides from cold packs.