



DIFFERENTIAL CELL COUNT (BAL)

Synonym(s): BAL CELL COUNT

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Lab Section Category	Cytology – Non-gynaecological Cytology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx).
Specimen Required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect specimen in a clean container. 2. BAL specimen for differential cell count should be transported at 4°C (e.g. on ice) and delivered within 1 hour following retrieval of the specimen. 3. BAL specimens retrieved should not be frozen and/or not transported with dry ice for BAL cellular analyses. 4. See Non-Gynaecological smear, fluid and Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) - General Instruction (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYN) (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYN) for details. 5. A cytology request form that is completely and properly filled up - see the request form (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYTRF) (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYTRF) for details.
Turnaround Time	90 % of the cases reported within 2 working days and 100% of cases reported within 7 working days
Day(s) Test Set up	Daily

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