

**Sterile Body Fluids (excluding CSF, urine, and blood)**

1. Clean the needle puncture site with alcohol, and disinfect it with a 10% solution of povidone-iodine to prevent introduction of infection.
2. Aseptically perform percutaneous aspiration to obtain pleural, pericardial, peritoneal, amniotic or synovial fluids.
3. Expel any air bubbles from the syringe, and immediately place t the specimen into an E-swab anaerobic transport system or sterile container.

**Volume recommendations for sterile body fluids**

1. Bacterial culture including anaerobes: 1-5 ML fluid
2. Mycobacteria (AFB) culture: 10 ML fluid
3. Fungal culture: 10 ML fluid
4. Viral culture: 1-5 ML fluid