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TO: CCLS Clients

FROM: CentraCare Laboratory Services

DATE: November 8th, 2023

SUBJECT: Body Fluid Cell Count

Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) fluid has been added to the list of accepted specimens for Cell Count and Differential, Body Fluid (LAB0202101) at the St. Cloud Hospital testing location. If a cell count is ordered on BAL fluid, only a red blood cell count and a total nucleated cell count will be provided. A nucleated cell differential will NOT be provided on BAL specimens as part of this test and will remain a part of the Non-gynecologic Cytology examination (LAB1013). There are no established reference values.

When ordered, 'Bronchial Fluid' can be selected for Type and 'Bronchoalveolar' for Source.

Please feel free to contact Shawn Nelson, Hematology Technical Specialist with any questions at 320-251-2700 Ext. 57362