

**Reporting Title:** Cholesterol, BF**Performing Location:** Rochester**Ordering Guidance:**

This test provides a measurement of cholesterol in body fluids, which is useful for screening of a cholesterol effusion or cholesterol-rich pseudochyolous effusion. To distinguish between chylous and nonchylous effusions, order BFLA1 / Lipid Analysis, Body Fluid; which measures cholesterol and triglyceride concentrations, as well as chylomicrons and plasma lipoproteins.

**Necessary Information:**

1. Date and time of collection are required.
2. Specimen source is required.

**Specimen Requirements:**

Preferred Source:

- Peritoneal fluid (peritoneal, abdominal, ascites, paracentesis)
- Pleural fluid (pleural, chest, thoracentesis)
- Drain fluid (drainage, JP drain)
- Pericardial fluid

Acceptable Source: Write in source name with source location (if appropriate)

Collection Container/Tube: Sterile container

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. Centrifuge to remove any cellular material and transfer into a plastic vial.
2. Indicate the specimen source and source location on label.

**Specimen Minimum Volume:**

0.5 mL

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Body Fluid	Frozen (preferred)	30 days	
	Refrigerated	7 days	
	Ambient	24 hours	

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**Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:**

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
CHLBF	FLD25	Fluid Type:	Plain Text	Yes

**Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
FLD25	Fluid Type: <b>Also used by tests: TGLBF</b>	Alphanumeric		14725-6
BFCHL	Cholesterol (BF)	Numeric	mg/dL	12183-0

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

**Supplemental Report:**

No

**CPT Code Information:**

84311-Spectrophotometry, analyte not specified (cholesterol)

**Reference Values:**

An interpretive report will be provided