

Ventura County Medical Center/SPH

Laboratory

**PROCEDURAL SPECIMEN COMMUNICATION FORM**

**To be filled out for multiple specimens and for 'shared' specimens**

PART 1: Ordering Physician to Fill Out This Section

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Attending Physician (inpatient or outpatient) ordering procedure:	
Resident Physician Ordering Procedure:	
RN Taking Telephone/ Verbal Order	
Patient History (Brief):	
Expected Specimen Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Body Fluid <input type="checkbox"/> Cerebrospinal Fluid <input type="checkbox"/> Tissue <input type="checkbox"/> Wound/ Abscess <input type="checkbox"/> Bronchoscopy Specimen
Choose ALL that apply: Desired Studies (do NOT enter into Cerner): Please NUMBER your desires for specimen analysis base on priority in the case that insufficient quantity of sample is obtained to do all desired testing:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Microbiology</b> (if choosing Microbiology, choose all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Routine culture + gram stain; <input type="checkbox"/> anaerobic culture; <input type="checkbox"/> Fungal culture; <input type="checkbox"/> AFB Smear and Culture)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Labs</b> (if choosing General Labs, choose all that apply (will vary with specimen type): <input type="checkbox"/> albumin; <input type="checkbox"/> amylase; <input type="checkbox"/> cell count w/ diff; <input type="checkbox"/> crystals (joint fluid); <input type="checkbox"/> glucose; <input type="checkbox"/> LDH; <input type="checkbox"/> pH; <input type="checkbox"/> protein)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pathology/ Cytology</b> (any anticipated special stains? _____)

PART 2: RN or Tech Collecting Specimen to Fill Out This Section

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Physician Collecting Specimen:				
RN or Tech Handling Specimen:				
Location of Collection (i.e. OR, CT scan):				
Instructions for RN or Tech Collecting Specimen:				
1. Label all specimens with "Specimen Label" and fill out each label completely				
2. Fill in the chart below: Note that each body location and type of tissue gets its own line/ letter below (i.e. same body location/ type can share one line, otherwise all get different lines)				
3. Enter orders for each individual specimen into Cerner (as Verbal order; does not need co-signature)				
4. Bring this form with all labeled specimens to the lab				
Specimen Letter / Name	Specimen Source (body location)	Specimen Type (body fluid/ CSF/ Tissue/ Wound/BAL)	Microbiology?	Pathology or General Labs?
A				
B				
C				
D				
E				

PART 3: Laboratory

PART 3: Instructions for Laboratory Personnel Receiving Specimen	
1. Receive Specimen	
2. Check this form and/ or Cerner to verify if specimen goes to Microbiology, Pathology, or both	
3. Facilitate the specimen going to the appropriate location	
Delivered by: _____	Received by: _____

NOT part of the permanent medical record

Patient Name: _____
Medical Record #: _____
Or Affix Patient Label Here