

**Memorandum**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE**

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To PHC Renal Staff & Microbiology Laboratory Staff

From Willson Jang, **Technical Leader – Microbiology & Virology Laboratory**

Date March 21, 2011

Re **Peritoneal Dialysate Fluid Specimens**

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The Microbiology Laboratory has been noticing that the volume of PD Fluids submitted for laboratory testing has decreased to 20 mL per container.

The recommended volume and # of specimens for laboratory testing is as follows:

Laboratory Test	SCM Order Name	Volume
Cell Count & Differential  <u>OR</u>  Chemistry		60 - 80 mL Sterile Container
Culture & Susceptibility (C&S) (including Mycology and Mycobacteria testing requests)	Dialysate C&S  ( <u>NOT</u> Fluid C&S)	<u>TWO</u> 60 - 80 mL Sterile Containers

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached by email [wjang@providencehealth.bc.ca](mailto:wjang@providencehealth.bc.ca) or by phone at 604-806-8369.