

## Diagnostic Laboratory Services

# Body Fluid Amylase

**Test ID:** BF Amy, LAB6557

**Explanation:** On July 19, 2023, BF Amylase Lvl – Cent (LAB6219) will be inactivated, and testing for body fluid amylase will no longer be a send-out referral test. BF Amylase Lvl (LAB6557) will now be performed in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) Diagnostic Laboratory. This change will also occur on User Preference Lists (LAB6557).

**Use:** Body fluid amylase measurement can be used to evaluate increases related to the presence of pancreatitis, esophageal rupture, or amylase-producing neoplasms.

### Specimen Requirements:

Container	Sterile Container/Body Fluid Container
Specimen Volume	5 mL
Pediatric Specimen Volume Minimum	0.5 mL
Approved Fluid Sources	Biliary/Hepatic, Drain (except from the bowel), Pericardial, Peritoneal/Ascites, Pleural, Synovial
Criteria for Unacceptable Specimens	Improper collection container, insufficient quantity of specimen, fluid type submitted is not listed as acceptable specimen type, excessively turbid samples unable to be cleared by centrifugation, or excessively viscous samples that cannot be aspirated.

**Specimen Stability Information:**

20 – 25°C      1 Day  
2 – 8°C        3 Days  
-20°C          Unacceptable. Do not freeze.

**Days Performed**

Daily

**Times Performed**

Continuous

**Turn Around Time**

STAT: 1 Hour

Routine: 2 Hours

**Note:**

The following test code will become obsolete.

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