

# Fluid Specimen Handling

- Applies to all fluid samples except CSF.
- Lavender Top (w/ EDTA) - BF Cells (cell count)
- Red Top (no additive) - chemistries (glucose, protein, LDH, creatinine, amylase, etc)
- Capped Syringe - cultures (aerobic, anaerobic, fungal, AFB)
- Thora Bottle or Capped Syringe - cytology
- Capped Syringe - joint fluid crystals