Alpha-Fetoprotein, Amniotic Fluid (AFP-AF)

**Test Code:** PAFP1  
**Turnaround time:** 6 days - 10 days  
**CPT Codes:** 82106 x1

## Condition Description

Amniotic fluid alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) screens a fetus for a risk of open neural tube or open body wall defects.

## Indications

## Methodology

## Specimen Requirements

Submit only 1 of the following specimen types

### Type: Amniotic Fluid

**Specimen Requirements:**

Collect 20-30 ml of amniotic fluid (discard the first 1-2 ml). Place in sterile conical centrifuge tubes. For cultures: 1 T75 or 2 T25 at 70% confluency.

**Specimen Collection and Shipping:** Ship sample at room temperature for receipt at EGL within 24 hours of collection. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

## Related Tests

- Acetylcholinesterase (ACHE)