# 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

**Type:** Amniotic Fluid

**Specimen Requirements:**
15 ml Sterile Conical Centrifuge tube  
20-30 ml fluid, discarding the first 1-2 ml. Place in 2-3 Specimen tubes. Preferred gestational age > 15 weeks.

**Specimen Collection and Shipping:**
Must be received in a securely closed, sterile container. Ship sample at room temperature for receipt at EGL within 24 hours of collection. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

## Related Tests

- Acetylcholinesterase (ACHE)