

TUMOUR MARKERS IN FLUIDS

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- Not routinely asked
- Usually an academic study
- Fast gaining importance
- To assay the marker both in serum & fluid - debatable
- ??? For Vs Against
- Literature review maximum for pleural fluid followed by ascitic.

Diagnostic value of CYFRA 21-1, CEA, CA 19-9, CA 15-3, and CA 125 assays in pleural effusions: analysis of 116 cases and review of the literature

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- Helps in establishing diagnosis of pleural malignancy
- ? Does it offer precise diagnostic value
- Study revealed elevation of the markers in malignant group
- Literature also states CEA, CA 15-3 and CYFRA 21-1 yielded good results
- CEA was more significantly elevated and CA 15-3 and CYFRA could be alternative options.
- Hence patients with unexplained pleural effusion and negative cytology should be assayed for fluid markers to be followed by other invasive procedures.

Diagnostic value of bronchoalveolar lavage fluid and serum tumor markers for lung cancer

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- Study groups included benign and lung cancer patients
- Study types included squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma and small cell undifferentiated carcinoma.
- Markers studied were CEA, (NSE) Neuron Specific Enolase and Cytokeratin 19 fragment (CYFRA 21-1)
- NSE high in small cell lung cancer
- CYFRA 21 in squamous cell carcinoma and CEA elevation seen in adenocarcinoma
- It was found that the fluid detection of the markers was better than serum detection and would be advisable to include in clinical practice

Analysis of tumor marker CA 125 in saliva of normal and oral squamous cell carcinoma patients: a comparative study

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- Mortality and morbidity of oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) is high
- Saliva markers are said to be an alternative with advantage than blood
- CA 125 significantly increased in the study and correlated with staging
- CA 125 – in saliva/blood enhances its role as a tumour marker
- Seen in epithelial cancers like – ovarian, breast and oral
- Salivary markers is adjunctive diagnostic tool, which may prevent invasive procedures

Placental alkaline phosphatase levels in cerebrospinal fluid can have a decisive role in the differential diagnosis of intracranial germ cell tumors

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- PLAP in CSF has a very high diagnostic value for intracranial germ cell tumours (GCT)
- A 10 years study of 74 patients with GCT in CSF and histological samples
- As small tumour samples do not reflect the malignancy appropriately,
- markers such as Alphafeto protein or HCG are useful in absence of tumour biopsy
- CSF-PLAP more sensitive and reliable than serum
- PLAP in CSF showed high correlation with histopathological diagnosis

Correlation of tumour markers in ascitic fluid and serum: are measurements of ascitic tumour markers a futile attempt?

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- Markers analysis in serum and ascitic fluid were significant in malignant groups
- CEA, CA 125, CA 19-9, CA 72.4, CA 15.3, AFP and CYFRA
- Study concluded that tumour markers in the ascitic fluid did not add any diagnostic advantages over measuring them in serum
- Another study using CA 125, CEA and CA 19-9 levels and DNA ploidy analysis for peritoneal carcinomatosis (PC) in GI and ovarian malignancies were found to be valuable markers for diagnosis
- CEA in fluid was said to have predictive value for PC and prognostic value in colorectal cancer
- Some of the markers did not correspond to tumour stage and histological differentiation or metastasis

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