

LAB13 Cytology, Non Gyn (Needle Aspiration Cytology)

BMC

Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Fine Needle Aspirate

Preferred Container

Slides/Cytolyt Solution

Storage Requirements

Refrigeration if a delay in transport is expected

Transportation Needs

Transport promptly.

Causes for Rejection

Broken slides

Mislabeled specimen

Improper fixation - specimen not fixed within seconds of slide

Other Requirements

A completed cytology requisition is required, including pertinent patient information. Include admitting diagnosis, past history of cancer, clinical impression and symptoms.

Rush specimens require a pathologist approval.

Upon smearing material on slides, immerse immediately in 95% alcohol, within seconds of preparing slides. Expel remaining fluid into cytolyt solution.

Additional Information

Includes palpable masses or those needing radiologic guidance.

Aspirated material is expressed onto slides and smeared.

Slide must be fixed immediately, within seconds of preparation or rendered unsatisfactory.

Cell blocks will be made on needle rinsing's or fluid obtained during aspiration and submitted in cytolyt solution.

Available STAT

1 hour needs Pathologist approval

CPT Code

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