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Submission of cytology specimens obtained by fine needle aspiration

Specimens obtained through fine needle aspiration should if possible be submitted in multiple forms.

1. A sample of the specimen should be prepared on two fully frosted slides and fixed in 95% alcohol, a tube containing the alcohol and made for slide transportation is provided.
2. A sample of the specimen should be prepared on two one end only frosted slides and let air-dried then placed in a dry slide holder for transport.
3. The needle and syringe used should be washed in a 10% neutral buffered formalin solution and then disposed of properly. If lymphoma is suspected and Flow Cytometry is needed then a portion of the specimen will need to be placed in RPMI transport media and sent along with the rest of the specimen.
4. The entire specimen including slides, slide holders and needle wash are then labeled with the patient's name and Date of birth, then packaged to include patient demographics, insurance and cytology requisition form (found on this site) then placed in a specimen transport bag, when ready the Courier is called for pickup at (520) 400-1179 Courier hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. specimens obtained after this time can be stored in a refrigerator for specimens or placed in a lock box and a message left for The Courier to pick up. Supplies can be ordered through this site. If your office does not have a refrigerator for specimens or Courier lock box and you would like to order one please call 520-975-8271

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