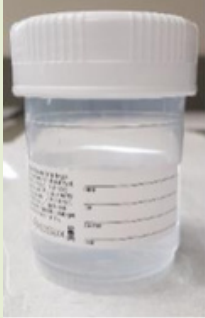


SEROUS CAVITY FLUID/BRONCHIAL WASHINGS/SPUTUM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



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CYTOLOGY SAMPLES: SEROUS CAVITIES / BRONCHIAL WASHINGS/SPUTUM

CONTAINER AND FIXATIVE	CONTAINER PICTURE (MAY VARY)	STORAGE AFTER COLLECTION	DELIVERY TO LAB
Sterile container with 3:1 ratio of sample to CytoLyt fixative	 Standard 60mL container	Room temperature. Refrigeration is recommended for all samples collected on weekends/after-hours/holidays, or if a delay in transport of more than 1 hour is expected.	Send ASAP

REQUISITION: NON-GYNECOLOGIC CYTOLOGY REQUISITION

- This guideline is for serous cavity fluids including pleural, peritoneal, pericardial, and joint fluid samples, as well as bronchial washings and sputum samples.
- Large volume samples (e.g., 1L of ascitic fluid) are unnecessary, as only a small portion will be processed.
- **Questions? Call the Cytology Laboratory.**

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If LYMPHOMA is Suspected:

- A second sample should be sent in RPMI fixative to Flow Cytometry.

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Container Label Must Include:

- Patient's legal name
- Patient's health card number or another unique identifier
- Date and time of collection
- Sample type and site collection

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Requisition Forms Must Include:

- Patient's legal name
- Patient's health card number or another unique identifier
- Patient's date of birth
- Date and collection time
- Sample type and site of collection
- Physician's full name, ID#, and address
- Clinical history

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