


FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATE (FNA)

Cytology Samples: FNA			
Container and Fixative	Container pictures <i>(may vary)</i>	Storage after collection	Deliver to Lab
Sample in pre-filled 50mL tube containing CytoLyt		Room temperature* If delay >1 hour, please refrigerate	Send ASAP

*Refrigeration is recommended for all samples collected on weekends/off-hours/holidays, or if a delay in transport is expected.

Requisition: Non-gynecologic cytology requisition (Cytology CD-1840)

- This guideline is appropriate for fine needle aspirates of thyroid, salivary gland, breast, soft tissue, etc.
- Pre-filled FNA tubes with CytoLyt are available from the Cytology laboratory on request.
- **This guideline is not intended for core biopsies for histology, or for Flow Cytometry specimens.**
 - **NEVER** add CytoLyt fixative to specimens unless they are intended for Cytology.

Questions? Call the QEII Cytology Laboratory at 902-473-8420

If LYMPHOMA is suspected:

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

Container labels must include:

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

Requisition forms must include:

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