

CYTOLOGY ORDERING TIPS 67.40.A01

AVAILABLE ORDERS AND WHEN TO USE:

Cytology – Urine – Collect in Office (PATH1000): Urine collected same day in office

Cytology – Urine – Collect in Lab (PATH1000): Urine to be submitted to lab by patient at future date

Cytology – Fine Needle Aspiration (PATH1001): Cysts, synovial/bursa fluid, thyroid, salivary, lymph node, or any site sampled via fine needle.

Cytology – Body Fluid/Other (PATH1002): Pleural, pericardial, peritoneal/ascites, CSF, nipple discharge, tzanck smear, anal pap, pelvic/gutter washing, GI brushings, etc.

Cytology Pulmonary (PATH1009): BAL, bronchial washings, and bronchial washings.

NORMAL VS FUTURE ORDERS:

Normal: To be used once the specimen is collected or for those to be collected that same day. Order auto-releases once the order is signed.

Priority:

Class:

Status: Normal Standing Future

Future: To be used when placing orders for specimens to be collected at a later date than order entry. Collecting department releases order upon specimen collection. Lab cannot release orders.

Priority:

Class:

Status: Normal Standing Future

Expected Date: Approx.

Expires:

MISCELLANEOUS TIPS

Sites/Specimens collected: Refers to how many different locations/sites are being submitted for testing, not how many passes were taken from one site.

How many sites collected?

How many specimens collected?

Use of 'Other – Specify in Comments:' Must include the source in the comments section.

Other - Specify in Cor.

Laterality: Provide laterality when appropriate (i.e., right pleural effusion, left cervical lymph node, right middle lobe BAL, etc).