

For all Cytology specimens collect fluid in a non-sterile screw top container. Transport specimen to Pathology laboratory ASAP. For off-site collection, please refrigerate fresh specimen until transported. Please fill out request form completely, describing the locations specimens were taken.

**Materials Needed:**

- › Non-sterile specimen container labeled with customer's name, date of birth, specimen source, and date & time collected.
- › Inpatient - Use EPIC to enter "Non-Gynecological" cytology order (Test #4001)
- › Outpatient - Complete and submit a "Pathology/Cytology" order either through EPIC or completed requisition form. Include customer billing information.

**Specimen Requirements:**

- › Preferred amount of fluid is 20 mL, however the laboratory will not reject if less than 20 mL.
- › Specimens should be submitted fresh, unfixed.
- › Specimens should be refrigerated until the courier pickup.
- › Please note on request left or right for bronchial washings.

**Collection Technique:**

1. Perform the procedure.
1. Label container with customer name, date of birth, source of specimen, and date and time collected.
2. Fill out request form or electronic order noting the different specimen sources collected.
3. Deliver specimen accompanied by a request form order directly to the Pathology laboratory or through hospital courier.

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