

Materials Needed:

- › Non-sterile specimen container labeled with patient's name, date of birth, along with date & time collected.
- › Sterile syringe and needle
- › Alcohol preps
- › Iodine tincture applicators
- › 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 30 ml, however cytology will not reject the specimen if it is less than 30 ml.
- › If large amounts of fluid are collected, mix contents well and place 100 mL fluid in a sterile blue-lid specimen container in the "Body Fluid Kit".
- › Specimens should be submitted fresh, unfixed.
- › Specimens should be refrigerated until the courier pickup.
- › Please note on request form or EPIC order whether it is left or right for pleural and breast fluids.

Specimen Collection:

1. Use a 70% isopropyl alcohol swab followed by a *Sepps* 2% iodine disposable swab to cleanse the puncture site as outlined below:
 - a) With an alcohol swab, cleanse the puncture site.
 - b) With a *Sepps* swab vigorously rub in a circular motion starting at the puncture site and extending out to cover a 3-inch circle for about 20-30 seconds duration. Allow iodine prep to dry for about one minute.
 - c) Do Not Palpate Area after Cleaning. Gloves must be worn while aspirating specimen.
2. Using a sterile syringe, aspirate specimen directly into syringe. 20-30 mls of specimen is preferred, Place in 20 – 30 mls into a sterile container.
3. Label container with customer name, date of birth, along with date and time collected. Include specific source of body fluid on both the specimen and the request.
4. Deliver specimen directly to the Pathology Laboratory or through courier service.

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