Brushing Cytology
(Bronchial, Esophageal, Gastric)

Brush specimens are collected during an endoscopy procedure. Please use the preferred collection technique below. This collection procedure is for “Cytology Testing Only” and should not be used for microbiology/culture testing.

Materials Needed:
› Saccomanno Brush Wash tube for inpatient specimens which can be requested from the Endoscopy Department.
› PreservCyt (green label) vial for outpatient locations.
› 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:
› Please note specimen source on request form or EPIC order
› Label container with patient name, date of birth, along with date and time collected.

Specimen Collection:
  a. Label Saccomanno Brush Wash tube or PreservCyt vial with customer name, date of birth, source of specimen, and date and time collected.
  b. Unscrew the cap from the Saccomanno Brush Wash or PreservCyt tube.
  c. Once the brush and sheath are removed from the endoscopy procedure, place the brush immediately into the Saccomanno Brush Wash or PreservCyt tube and immerse into solution. Cut brush from endoscope and replace screw top lid.
  d. Fill out request form or EPIC order with complete customer information, noting specimen source or additional testing needed. Note: Specify the location (right or left)
  e. Deliver specimen accompanied by the request form directly to the Pathology Laboratory or through courier service.

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