

**Materials Needed:**

- › Frosted end slide labeled with customer's name and date of birth using a lead pencil.
- › Cytology Spray fixative
- › Plastic slide container
- › 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:**

- › Specimens must be labeled with customer's name and date of birth, along with date & time collected.
- › Specimen must not be collected in formalin.

**Specimen Collection:**

1. Wipe areola and nipple with alcohol sponge.
2. Gently milk sub-areola toward nipple.
3. Squeeze nipple to produce a drop of secretion.
4. Wipe away first drop of secretion.
5. Touch a labeled frosted end slide to second drop and draw slide across nipple to spread drop, taking care not to collect cellular material from nipple epithelium.
6. Immediately fix slides using Cytology Spray Fixative.
7. Allow slides to dry at least 5 minutes before placing in plastic slide containers for transport.
8. Deliver specimen directly to the Pathology Laboratory or through courier service.

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