


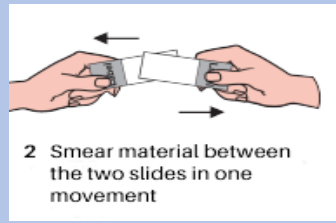





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Materials needed for collection and preparation:

					
Anatomic Pathology Requisition	Frosted-end glass slides	95% Alcohol fixative or spray-fixative	Cytolyt Fixative	Needle used for procedure	Slide holders

Specimen Collection

1. Complete requisition **entirely**.
2. **Pre-label** (two patient identifiers) slides AND **all** containers.
3. Perform the needle aspiration procedure.

	 2 Smear material between the two slides in one movement	 
a. Apply 1 -2 drops of specimen.	b. Place 2 nd slide on top, smear material, and gently pull slides apart.	c. Immediately fix one slide with spray-fixative or 95% alcohol.
		 Completely dry slides
d. Air dry other slide.	e. Rinse needle in Cytolyt.	f. Place air dried slide(s) and/or spray-fixed slide(s) in cardboard slide holder(s)/plastic slide holder(s).

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If direct smears are **not** prepared, rinse **all** needle passes into CytoLyt container.

NOTE: If a “**new**” FNA site is aspirated, use a **new** syringe, a **new** needle, and **new** CytoLyt container. Aspirated material from **different** FNA sources/sites should **never** be combined into the same CytoLyt container.

Transport

1. Seal container(s) and slide holder(s) well to prevent leaking.
2. Place labeled container(s) in a sealable Biohazard specimen bag and include the requisition in the outer pocket of the specimen bag.
3. Send the entire specimen to the laboratory as soon as possible.
4. If transport to lab is delayed, **refrigerate** all cytology specimens. Glass slides are maintained at **room** temperature.

Additional information

SEPA Laboratories Directory of Services Manual

SEPA website, <https://www.sepalabs.com>, Resources – Directory of Services

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