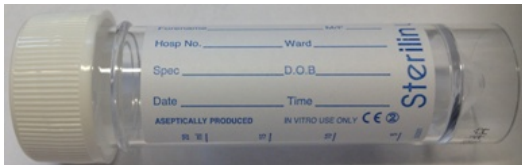


Fine Needle Aspirate And Washings

Synonyms	Fine Needle Aspirate (FNA) and Fine Needle Washings (FNW)
Clinical Indication	At clinician's discretion.
Part of Profile / See Also	N/A
Request Form	Manual request form or ICE request
Availability / Frequency of Analysis	On request.
Turnaround Time	Reports are normally available 10 calendar days after the date of the procedure. Samples requiring extra work may take longer, please contact the reporting Hospitals Cellular Pathology Department for further information on delayed reports or for clinical advice (01268 524900 Ext:3033).
Patient Preparation	As per clinical requirements.
Sample Requirements	Material obtained by aspiration should be spread along the length of the slide, using another glass slide placed horizontally, pulling the slides apart. Prepared slides must be fixed immediately with alcohol fixative or air dried (preferably one of each) before dispatch to the laboratory. Slides must be labelled in pencil with 3 patient identifiers which must include: the patient's name, Date of Birth (D.O.B) and NHS number or Hospital number and with an indication as to the method of fixation (e.g. F for Fixed, AD for air-dried). The slides must be sent to the laboratory in a slide transport box. If there is material remaining after the slides have been prepared, this can be rinsed into a universal container (also labelled with 3 patient identifiers) containing a preservative fluid (CytoLyt).
Specimen Type	Fixed slides, Air dried slides, Needle washings in CytoLyt.
Volume	As much as can be obtained.
Container	 <p>Sterile Universal Container</p> <p>For Fine Needle washings, a universal containing a preservative (CytoLyt). The slides should be sent to the laboratory as soon as possible after collection. If a washing is also prepared, a slight delay between collection and transport is not a problem as the sample is fixed in CytoLyt.</p>
Acceptance/Rejection Criteria	Sample must be accompanied with a corresponding fully completed request form. Both the sample and request form must be legibly labelled with a minimum of three matching patient identifiers (patient's full name, D.O.B and NHS number or Hospital number).



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There should be no discrepancies between the sample and the request form.
Please note that samples failing to meet these criteria will be given attempt to contact requester for the correction of error and sign disclaimer but failing to this may result in rejection of sample.

Reference Range & Units

N/A

Interferences

Failure to promptly fix or air-dry slides during sample collection will result in poorly preserved preparations.
Slides which are not clearly labelled with the method of preparation (fixed or air-dried) may be processed with the incorrect stain leading to delays in reporting.
Needle washings collected into saline must be refrigerated if not sent to the laboratory immediately. It is preferable for them to be collected into CytoLyt.

Interpretation & Clinical

Decision Value (if applicable)

N/A

References

N/A

Test code

Fine Needle Aspirate (FNA), Fine Needle washings (FNW)

Lab Handling

Store washings in CytoLyt at 15-25°C until the sample is prepared. Slides can be stored at room temperature.
Washings received in saline must be refrigerated at 2-8°C.

Specimen Transport

Washings in CytoLyt must be Stored at 15-30°C until the sample is prepared. Slides can be stored at room temperature.
Washings in saline must be transported to the laboratory immediately.

From Basildon Hospital: Ward and clinic samples should be taken to the Pathology Specimen Reception hatch on Level C.

From Southend Hospital: Southend Hospital: Ward and clinic samples to Pathology Reception in the Essential Services Lab on the 2nd Floor in the Pink Zone.

GP/Community Samples: All GP work is collected by the Courier Service and brought to the address below.

Location of Laboratory

The Diagnostic (Non Gynae) Cytology Laboratory is located at:
Cellular Pathology Department
Basildon University Hospital
Nethermayne
Basildon
SS16 5NL

Contact numbers

Cellular Pathology Tel: 01268 524 900 Ext: 8888/ 3033
Open 8.30am-5.00pm; Monday – Friday excluding Bank Holidays.