

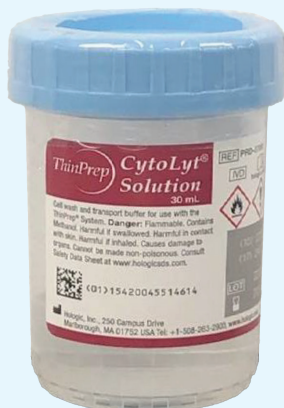


Client Communication

# Non-Gynecologic Cytology Fluid Specimen Submission

## Effective March 2, 2023

As part of Pathology Laboratories, Inc.'s (PathLabs) continuous dedication to providing quality results and assure optimal cytology specimens, all Routine Non-Gynecologic fluids (e.g., urine for cytology and sputum) must be submitted in ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution. The ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution is a water-based, buffered cell wash solution designed to lyse red blood cells, prevent protein precipitation, dissolve mucus and preserve the morphology of the cellular material. When all Routine Non-Gynecologic fluids (e.g., urine for cytology and sputum) are placed in ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution, the specimen cellular material is properly preserved.



Effective March 2nd, PathLabs will require clients to submit all Non-Gynecologic Cytology specimens in ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution to properly preserve cells for microscopic examination. An example of the ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution is provided for reference.



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Each container of ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution has 30 mL. The proper handling of the Non-Gynecologic Cytology specimens is to add up to 20 mL of specimen fluid to the 30 mL of ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution provided in the container. Once specimen fluid is added, cap and seal CytoLyt® container tightly. Separately bag and refrigerate CytoLyt® container with specimen.

ThinPrep® CytoLyt® Solution is immediately available through PathLabs' Supply Department. Please contact them by phone, fax or email to order supplies today.

### PathLab's Supply Department

Phone: 419.255.4615

Fax: 419.255.4636

Email: [supply@pathlabs.org](mailto:supply@pathlabs.org)

## Reminders

### Microbiology Specimens:

All specimens (including bodily fluids, tissue, etc.) submitted for Microbiology studies **must be submitted in a separate sterile container with no preservative. These specimens should not be refrigerated.** Microbiology specimens received in preservatives will be rejected.

### Flow Cytometry Specimens:

**All bodily fluids submitted for Flow Cytometry must be submitted in Roswell Park Material Institute (RPMI) medium that is kept refrigerated.** Please call ahead to Client Service for RPMI medium in preparation of collection. Flow Cytometry specimens not submitted in RPMI medium will be rejected.

### Fine Needle Aspiration Specimens:

**All specimens obtained via Fine-Needle Aspiration must be submitted in saline that is kept refrigerated.** Please call ahead to Client Service for saline in preparation of collection. Fine-Needle Aspiration specimens not submitted in saline will be rejected.

### Updated Order Codes EMR Mapping:

Beginning March 2nd, PathLabs will perform Non-Gynecologic Cytology testing inclusive of Fine-Needle Aspirate (FNA) studies, in-house, benefitting clinicians and patients with reduced turnaround time. Certain Order Codes need to be updated for this internalization. Please refer to the chart below for further details. Changes are denoted in bright blue.

Order Code	Reporting Title	Result Code	Description
51027	<b>NON-GYN CYTOLOGY, FINE NEEDLE ASP</b>	51021	DIAGNOSIS: <b>ALL OTHER TEST CODES REMOVED</b>
51021	NON-GYN CYTOLOGY, FLUID	51021	DIAGNOSIS: <b>ALL OTHER TEST CODES REMOVED</b>
51024	NON-GYN CYTOLOGY, SMEAR	51021	DIAGNOSIS: <b>ALL OTHER TEST CODES REMOVED</b>

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**For questions concerning this communication, please contact Client Service at 419.255.4601/800.281.8804 or your sales team representative.**

**We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to assisting PathLabs in delivering quality laboratory services. Thank you.**

Our online test directory will be updated to reflect this information on March 2, 2023.

This Client Communication will be posted to our website for reference.

Please review the information and make changes as applicable to your practice/facility. If you have any questions, please contact our Client Service Department at 419.255.4601/800.281.8804 or your account executive. Thank you.