



<b>Cytology (1 day turnaround time)</b>	<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Mass aspirate	2 or more unstained slides	
Ear swab	3 or more unstained slides	Note: One smear will be used for a gram stain. Both ears require a charge for one cytology plus a charge for an additional site.
Lymph node aspirate	2 or more unstained slides If ICC is required submit at least 5 slides.	First lymph node charged at full price; each additional lymph node aspirate from the same date is priced as an additional site.
Joint fluid (slides and/or tubes of fluid)	2 or more unstained slides Fluid should be submitted in 1 EDTA tube and 1 non-serum separator tube	Includes estimated cell count determined from cytologic evaluation.
Nasal or choanal swab	3 or more unstained slides	Note: One smear will be used for a gram stain.
Aspirate of a tissue or solid organ	3 or more unstained slides	Lung, liver, spleen, kidney, thyroid, adrenal, salivary gland, pancreas, prostate, mammary gland
Vaginal smear	2 or more unstained slides	If gram stain is required, submit at least 3 slides and note on requisition.
Urine (slides or tubes of urine)	3 or more unstained slides	If cell determination is needed submit urine in a sterile blue top tube for cytospin preps. Submit at least 3 slides if gram stain is needed.
Feces or cloacal swab	3 or more unstained slides	One smear will be used for gram stain.
Tissue or mass scraping/imprint	2 or more unstained slides	Includes impression smears of biopsy specimens.
Fluid collected from cystic masses, seromas, hematomas, etc.	2 or more unstained slides, EDTA or non-serum separator tube of fluid	No cell counts included.
TTA/bronchial brushing/endotracheal wash	2 or more unstained slides and sterile blue top tube of fluid	Includes cytologic examination of smears and a gram stain.
Body cavity fluid – SLIDES ONLY (no tube of fluid submitted)	2 or more unstained slides	Cytologic evaluation only, no cell counts are given.
CSF (tube of fluid) * See CSF submission procedure*	3 tubes of CSF fluid, one clearly marked tube will contain albumin or patient serum	Includes cell counts, protein, and cytology. One tube will be held for culture.
Pleural/thoracic fluid (tube ± slides)	1 EDTA tube and 1 non-serum separator tube of fluid	Includes automated cell counts, total solid protein and cytology.
Abdominal/peritoneal/coelomic fluid (tube ± slides)	1 EDTA tube and 1 non-serum separator tube of fluid	Includes automated cell counts, total solid protein, and cytology.
Pericardial fluid (tube ± slides)	1 EDTA tube and 1 non-serum separator tube of fluid	Includes automated cell counts, total solid protein, and cytology.
Bone marrow	Minimum of 6 slides	Include a copy of recent CBC.