Lab Dept: Anatomic Pathology

Test Name: CYTOLOGY, WASHINGS (BRONCHIAL, ESOPHOGEAL, GASTRIC, COLONIC)

General Information

CPT Codes: 88108 – Cytopathology, concentration technique, smears and interpretation (eg, Saccomanno technique)

Test Includes: Routine cytologic evaluation of cytopsin and cell block

Logistics

Test Indications: Useful to establish the presence of primary or metastatic neoplasms or infection.

Lab Testing Section: Anatomic Pathology

Phone Numbers: MIN Lab: 612-813-5875

STP Lab: 651-220-6561

Test Availability: Monday - Friday. Specimen must be obtained and submitted between 6:30 AM and 4 PM unless prior arrangement is made.

Turnaround Time: 1 - 2 days

Special Instructions: Complete a “Surgical Pathology/ Cytology Request Form” and/or a “Bronchoscopy/Airway Request Form” with pertinent clinical information, and forward it with the specimen.

Specimen

Specimen Type: Cytology washings

Container: Screw capped, sterile vial

Draw Volume: 2 mL (Minimum: 1 mL) cytology washings

Processed Volume: Same as Draw Volume

Collection: Cytology washings should be collected by a physician. Washings collected during the endoscopic examination should be collected fresh (unfixed) in a screw capped, sterile container.
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<th><strong>Special Processing:</strong></th>
<th>Maintain sterility and forward promptly to the laboratory at ambient temperature only.</th>
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<td><strong>Patient Preparation:</strong></td>
<td>None</td>
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<td><strong>Sample Rejection:</strong></td>
<td>Improperly handled specimen; mislabeled or unlabeled specimen; undue delay in transport</td>
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**Interpretive**

**Reference Range:** Interpretive report

**Methodology:** Microscopy and cytospin

**References:**
- Rosai, Juan MD, Ackerman’s Surgical Pathology, 8th ed, vols 1 and 2, CV Mosby
- Sternberg, Steven (1997) Histology for Pathologists, 2nd ed, Lippincott/Raven