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**Lab Dept:**                      **Anatomic Pathology**

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

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***General Information***

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

**Test Includes:**                      Routine cytologic evaluation of cytospin and cell block

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***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.

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***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.

**Special Processing:** Maintain sterility and forward promptly to the laboratory at ambient temperature only.

**Patient Preparation:** None

**Sample Rejection:** Improperly handled specimen; mislabeled or unlabeled specimen; undue delay in transport

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***Interpretive***

**Reference Range:** Interpretive report

**Methodology:** Microscopy and cytospin

**References:** Rosai, Juan MD, Ackerman's Surgical Pathology, 8<sup>th</sup> ed, vols 1 and 2, CV Mosby

Sternberg, Steven (1997) Histology for Pathologists, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, Lippincott/Raven