
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 cytospin 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.

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

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