

Specimen	Fixative	Unpreserved Specimen	Refrigerate	Comments
Bronchial Brushings	Cytolyt		Yes	Completely cover brush with cytolyt
Bronchial Washings	Cytolyt		Yes	Equal amounts of cytolyt and specimen
Spinal Fluid	RPMI	Yes	Yes	Refrigerate immediately
Cyst Fluid	Cytolyt		Yes	Equal amounts of cytolyt and specimen
FNA - Lymphoma suspected	RPMI		Yes	Air dried slides, acid alcohol fixed, needle rinse in RPMI. Refrigerate.
FNA - Routine	Cytolyt		Yes	Air dried slides, acid alcohol fixed, needle rinse in cytolyt
GI Brushings	Cytolyt		Yes	Completely cover brush with cytolyt
GI Washings	Cytolyt		Yes	Equal amounts of cytolyt and specimen. Shake well to mix
Peritoneal Fluid	Fresh and Cytolyt	Yes	Yes	Equal amount of cytolyt and specimen
Pleural Fluid	Fresh and Cytolyt	Yes	Yes	Equal amount of cytolyt and specimen
Sputum	Cytolyt		Yes	Equal amounts of cytolyt and specimen. Shake well to mix
Urine	Cytolyt		Yes	Equal amounts of cytolyt and specimen
*** RPMI is stored in the pathology refrigerator				
*** Cytolyt is stored on the counter in histology (pump bottle and blue capped tubes)				
*** Acid Alcohol containers for FNA are stored on counter in histology (red capped tubes)				