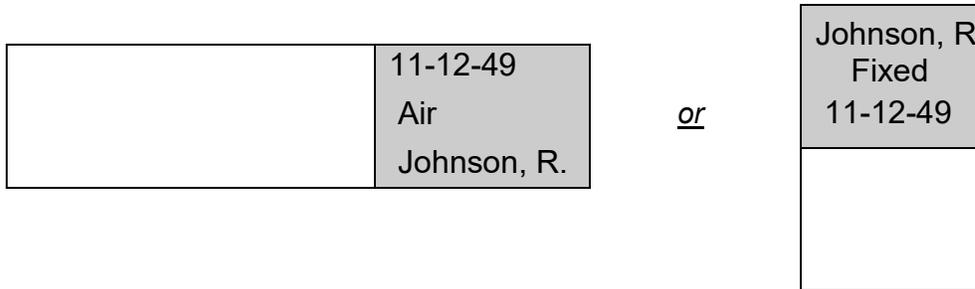


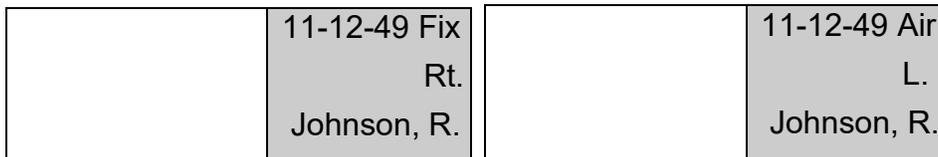
How to label a slide for cytological examination

When specimens for cytological examination are collected in the clinic, the appropriate Allina Health Laboratory requisition (FNA or Non-GYN Cytology) must be completed and submitted along with the slides.

- Note any previous history on the request form
 - Record the number of air-dried and fixed slides
 - Indicate if, along with the slides, specimen is also submitted in RPMI, CytoLyt or Formalin
- Each slide must be labeled with **two patient identifiers, preferably last name, first initial, and date of birth**. If slides are air-dried or fixed, that should also be indicated.



- If different sites are aspirated (i.e., right and left neck or right and left breast) indicate on the slides using Rt and L.



- If different nodules in the same lobe of the thyroid are aspirated, indicate #1 and #2 on the corresponding slides.

