

Gastric or Esophageal Brushing Specimens For Cytology and/or Microbiology

Each specimen container must be labeled with two patient identifiers (complete patient name and Date of Birth) and the source.

TEST: Cytology and/or Fungal Stain ONLY (No Microbiology)

Instructions: Immediately place brush into tube of CytoLyt[®]. For the best cytologic diagnosis, a separate specimen submitted in a 15-ml tube containing CytoLyt[®] is optimal; however, specimens in CytoLyt[®] cannot be used for Microbiology testing.

Transport at ambient (room) temperature.

Requisition: For all Cytology specimens an Allina Health Laboratory Non-Gynecologic Cytology Request or Excellian order must be submitted/placed. Indicate if specimen is for "Cyto Only," "Cyto and Fungus Stain," or "Fungus Stain Only."

**TEST: Microbiology Only (Culture and/or KOH Prep) - *OR* -
Shared specimen for Microbiology & Cytology**

Instructions: Place specimen into a tube with 5 ml of sterile non-bacteriostatic saline.

Transport at ambient (room) temperature.

Requisition: For Microbiology testing only (Culture and/or KOH), an Allina Health Laboratory Clinical Request must be completed and submitted.

For all Cytology specimens a Non-Gynecologic Cytology Request must be completed or an Excellian order must be placed. Indicate if specimen is for "Cyto Only," "Cyto and Fungus Stain," or "Fungus Stain Only"

If both Microbiology testing and Cytology examination are being requested, both requisitions must be completed and submitted.