

Brushing – All Sites

Bronchial brushing, esophageal brushing, biliary brushing

Each specimen container needs to have a *minimum* of two (2) patient identifiers to be accepted.

- Label CytoLyt container with patient's full name (first and last name), date of birth or medical record number (MRN). Label container with specimen source. If CytoLyt is unavailable, a labeled sterile container with saline can be used.
- Vigorously swirl brush in CytoLyt and cut brush into container.
- If CytoLyt is unavailable, specimen brush can be put into sterile container with saline. Specimen can also be smeared onto glass slide. Label slide with patient's full name, date of birth or medical record number (MRN). Include specimen source on slide. Smear brush specimen on glass slide by gently rolling brush from one end of slide to the other. Specimen should be on the same side of the slide as the label. **Immediately** spray specimen with fixative (2-3 sprays). Place dried spray-fixed slides into slide holder. The slides should be labeled with two patient identifiers and source. Do not label the slide holder.
- An accompanying requisition with patient's full name (first and last), date of birth, medical record number (MRN), specimen source, ordering physician's name, date of collection, diagnosis, and pertinent patient history.