

## Lesion Scraping Cytology

*Tzank smear, skin scraping*

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

- Label a glass slide with patient's full name (first and last name), date of birth, or medical record number (MRN). Include source of scraping.
- Use blade to scrape the edge of the lesion.
- Smear scraped material onto the glass slide and **immediately** spray 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.