

## Nipple discharge, nipple secretion

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

- Label glass slides with patient's full name (first and last name), date of birth or medical record number (MRN). Include specimen source and laterality, left or right.
- Gently express the nipple and let a pea size secretion form.
- Touch and smear a clean slide to the secretion.
- **Immediately** spray the slide with the cytology fixative (2-3 sprays). A delay in proper fixation will cause cellular distortion.
- Repeat procedure until secretion is gone and at least two fixed slides are prepared.
- Placed 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.