



BREAST SECRETIONS

Synonym(s): Nipple Discharge

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Lab Section Category	Cytology – Non-gynaecological Cytology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx).
Specimen Required	<p>Drops of fluid from the nipple are smeared directly on clean glass slides and fixed immediately with spray fixative or immersed in 95% ethanol for 20 minutes.</p> <p>Submit 4 slides whenever possible, half of the smears should be left air-dried without fixative - see Non-Gynaecological smear, fluid and Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) - General Instruction (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYN) for details.</p> <p>A cytology request form that is completely and properly filled up - see the request form (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYTRF) for details.</p>
Turnaround Time	90 % of cases reported within 2 working days and 100% of cases reported within 7 working days
Day(s) Test Set up	Daily

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