



## FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION

**Synonym(s):** FNA

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<b>Lab Section Category</b>	<b>Cytology – Non-gynaecological Cytology</b> Click here to find out more about the <b>write-up</b> ( <a href="/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx">/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx</a> ).
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<b>Specimen Required</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare one alcohol-fixed slide and one air-dried slide for each pass of aspiration – see <b>Non-Gynaecological smear, fluid and Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) – General Instruction</b> (<a href="/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYN">/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYN</a>) for details.</li> <li>2. Express the remaining material into a clean container.</li> <li>3. Submit a maximum of 4 slides per lesion.</li> <li>4. The slides should be labelled 'wet-fixed' or 'air-dried' as appropriate.</li> <li>5. If multiple sites or organs are aspirated, indicate exact site/ organ aspirated both on <b>the request form</b> (<a href="/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYTRF">/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYTRF</a>) as well as on the frosted end of slides.</li> <li>6. If fluid is aspirated, collect into a container. Indicate the site from which fluid is collected and submit to the lab with one form.</li> <li>7. Clinical information is required for the pathologist to render a diagnosis. Please indicate on the request form the specific site, clinical diagnosis, whether the lesion is solid or cystic and gross appearance of the aspirate if applicable.</li> </ol>
<b>Turnaround Time</b>	90 % of cases reported within 2 working days and 100% of cases reported within 7 working days
<b>Day(s) Test Set up</b>	Daily

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