



PNEUMOCYSTIS CARINII (PNEUMOCYSTIS JIROVECI PNEUMONIA)

Synonym(s): Pneumocystis Jiroveci Pneumonia, PCP

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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	Bronchoalveolar lavage or washings are preferred specimens. Bronchial brushings or sputum may be submitted, but the diagnostic yield is less. Send fresh specimens (see General Instruction (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYN)). Fix submitted smears with cytology spray fixative or immerse in 95% ethanol for 20 minutes. Write "Evaluate for <i>Pneumocystis Carinii</i> or <i>Pneumocystis Jiroveci Pneumonia</i> on the request form (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/cytology.aspx#NGYTRF).
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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