



BRUSHINGS (BRONCHIAL, ESOPHAGEAL, GASTRIC, OTHER)

INDICATIONS:

For the detection and characterization of identifiable lesions, premalignant/malignant lesions and/or identification of some microbiologic pathogens (primarily viral and fungal).

SPECIMEN:

Brushings of the identified lesion.

SUPPLIES:

1. Standard equipment with brush
2. Clean plastic specimen container
3. Frosted end slides
4. 95% Alcohol fixative in specimen container
5. Specimen Requisition
6. Specimen Bag with a biohazard label

COLLECTION:

1. Prior to collection, label the glass slides with the patient's name (last, first) and the specimen site (right or left if applicable).
2. Using standard technique, identify the lesion in question and obtain a brushing sample of the lesion.
3. Upon obtaining the brushing, quickly roll the brush over the surface of the pre-labeled slides.
4. Immediately immerse the slides into fixative. Fixation is critical. Air drying artifact may severely limit the specimen adequacy.
5. Place the brush in the 95% alcohol, break off the end of the brush and secure the lid on the specimen container.

Label the specimen with the exact specimen source (i.e., right or left, RUL, LLL), correct patient information and submit the specimen along with the completed requisition form to your lab.

Complete test requisition including last and first name of patient, patient's date of birth and social security number, body site and source of specimen collected. Label specimen container (using the labels provided on the requisition) with patient's first name and last name, and body site/source. The container must have at least two (2) unique identifiers. Examples of unique identifiers: patient name, DOB, unique bar code, etc. Include pertinent clinical information, i.e., previous malignancy, radiation therapy, drugs, etc. Place container in a specimen bag with a biohazard label. Place the requisition in the side pocket of the specimen bag.