Non-Gyn Cytology Services

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| Bladder Washing: **Day(s) / Time(s) Performed:** | **Monday - Friday**  **8am-5pm** |
| Turn Around Time\*\*: | 24 hours |
| **Specimen Collection Supplies:** | • **Specimen Collection Container**  **If delay is anticipated to be longer than 24 hours for delivery:**  • **50% Ethanol** |
| Specimen Collection: | Collect specimen and deliver fresh specimen to laboratory immediately.  If a delay of more than 24 hours to deliver is anticipated, add equal volume 50% ethanol. |
| **Specimen Handling:** | **Room temperature if specimen is delivered upon collection.\***  **\*If slight delivery delay is anticipated, refrigerate**  **\*If a longer delivery delay is anticipated, add equal volume 50% ethanol** |
| Specimen Requirements: | • Labeled with two (2) patient identifiers  • Completed Cytology Specimen Requisition  • All specimens should be placed in a secondary “Biohazard Safety Bag”. |
| **Transportation:** | **As Soon As Possible Delivered / Send to Laboratory or Teton Pathology** |
| Comments / Special Instructions: | Bladder washing is a valuable addition to cystoscopy in symptomatic patients. Typically it is performed prior to cystocscopy with the injection of 50-75ml of physiological saline through a catheter or the cystoscope. Bladder visualization is performed by injecting water to dilate the bladder.  Cystoscopic examination should be performed after the irrigation for cytology, because water causes cellular degeneration. Highly cellular specimens are obtained in this manner. |
| **Rejection Criteria:** | • **Inadequate Information / Missing Requisition**  • **Unlabeled / Mislabeled Specimen**  • **Specimen received in inappropriate fixative** |
| Retention Time of Specimen: | One (1) Week After Final Report is Issued |
| **Laboratory Testing Performed:** | **Cytopathology – Teton Pathology** |