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| Thyroid Aspriate: **Day(s) / Time(s) Performed:**  | **Monday-Friday** **8am - 5pm**  |
| Turn Around Time\*\*:  | 24 hours  |
| **Specimen Collection Supplies:**  | • **Slides** • **95% ETOH** • **CytoLyte**  |
| Specimen Collection:  | 1. Label each slide with patient's name. 2. Once aspiration is obtained, express one drop of aspirated material on a labeled slide with the beveled edge on tip facing down towards the slide. 3. Touch the drop of material with another clean labeled slide and apply gentle pressure to procedure a monolayer of cells on both slides. 4. Immediately drop the two slides into pap fixative, avoid air-drying. 5. Rinse the needle by drawing CytoLyt solution into the syringe and expel back into the vial for each pass. If slides and pap fixative are not available, deposit and rinse the entire sample of CytoLyt ((if placing in CytoLyt solution; tighten cap esuring black lines are aligned).  |
| **Specimen Handling:**  | **Room temperature if specimen is delivered upon collection**  |
| Specimen Requirements:  | • Labeled with two (2) patient identifiers • Completed cytology specimen requisition • All specimens should be placed in a secondary “Biohazard Safety Bag”.  |
| **Transportation:**  | **Immediately Deliver / Send to Laboratory or Teton Pathology** |
| Comments / Special Instructions:  | **Do not fix in formalin**  |
| **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** |