**Fine Needle Aspirations (FNA)**

Fine needle aspirations can be scheduled by calling the cytology laboratory at 686-6540 or the FNA clinic at the Winthrop Rockefeller Cancer Institute (if patient is ambulatory) at 686-8064. An order must be placed in EPIC.

**Conventional Pap Smear**

Gynecologic samples are collected for conventional Pap Smear preparation using a spatula-like device and endocervical brush or a plastic, broom-like instrument. The specimen is smeared on a clean previously labeled glass slide and immediately fixed by spraying the fixative or immersion in 95% alcohol.

**HPV Testing**

The pap test sample is collected in the ThinPrep (PreservCyt) solution vial.

**Sputum, Bronchial Washings and Bronchial Brushings**

• Sputum – Fresh (delivered to the lab within three hours) or pre-fixed (mix sputum with an equal volume of 50% ethyl alcohol or Saccomanno fluid)

• Bronchial Washing – Fresh (delivered to the lab within three hours) or pre-fixed (mix washing material with an equal volume of 50% ethyl alcohol or Saccomanno fluid)

• Bronchial Brushing – Fresh (delivered to the lab within 3 hours), usually in normal saline solution.

**ThinPrep for Gynecologic Use**

The ThinPrep process begins with the patient’s gynecologic sample being collected by the clinician using a broom type cervical sampling device which, rather than being smeared on a microscope slide, is immersed and rinsed in a vial filled with PreservCyt Solution. The ThinPrep sample vial is then capped, labeled and sent to the Cytopathology laboratory.

**ThinPrep for Non-Gynecologic Use**

Specimens such as effusions, urines, sputa, respiratory tract, anal paps, etc.: should arrive in the lab either fresh or in CytoLyt Solution. The following collection methods are not recommend: Saccomanno and other solutions containing carbowax, alcohol, Mucollexx, saline culture media, RPMI solution, PBS and solutions containing formalin.

**Tzanck Smear**

A smear made directly from fresh material collected from a vesicle, blister or skin lesion.