



CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

PROCEDURE

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TITLE:	LAB-SPC-CYT-08.08 Washings and Lavages Collections-PRO		
ISSUED BY:	Cytotechnologist	REFERENCE #:	LAB-SPC-CYT-08.08-PRO
APPROVED BY:	Lab Director	EFFECTIVE DATE:	2005-10-26

SCOPE: All potential submitters and collectors of bronchial washings and lavages for testing at Conway Medical Center Laboratory.

I) **PROCEDURE:**

Washings and lavages should be taken using a balanced salt solution. Bronchial washings are usually obtained in a “trap” test tube. It should be sent to the lab in that container without the addition of fixative. To avoid cross contamination, a separate aspirator tube and trap must be used for each specimen i.e., right lung, left lung.

II) **SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:**

- A) Send the aspirated material that has been labeled according to the facility patient identification policy immediately to the laboratory, accompanied with a completed lab data sheet.
- B) Please note that specimens requiring both cytology and cultures should be of maximum volume to insure sufficient material for all studies.
- C) If after hours, please refrigerate.

RECORDS: NA

REFERENCE STANDARDS: CAP GEN.40000; GEN.40100; GEN.40016; GEN.40032; GEN.40050; GEN.40100

REVISION/REVIEW HISTORY:

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