

UROLOGIC WASHINGS

Indications

Detection of suspected malignancy utilizing lavage specimens obtained from cystoscopy (bladder washing, urethral washings); staging of urologic malignancies.

Specimen Required

10 ml (or more) of an appropriately collected cystoscopically derived specimen.

Supplies

Standard cystoscopy equipment.

Clean collection container of appropriate size.

Collection Procedure

1. Using standard cystoscopy technique, obtain washing specimens, carefully denoting specific specimen sites for each specimen on the requisition.
2. Submit the specimen FRESH, WITHOUT FIXATIVE to ARDX LMC (within 12 hours) along with the completed cytology request form. If transport or processing will be delayed, the specimen should be refrigerated.
3. If DNA ploidy studies are desired, please indicate on the requisition form.

NOTE: Current laboratory policy is to perform DNA ploidy studies only on specimens that show abnormal cytologic findings. If the cytology portion of the examination is negative, DNA ploidy studies will be cancelled by the pathologist unless otherwise specified by the submitting physician.