

SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Bronchial Washing (bronchial, tracheal, upper airway, paranasal)

Adequate washing specimens should contain large numbers of well preserved cells with as little contaminating oral and upper airway material as possible.

Indications

For the detection and characterization of bronchoscopically ill-defined or invisible premalignant/malignant pulmonary lesions; for the identification of some microbiologic pathogens (primarily viral and fungal).

Specimen Required

Bronchoscopically obtained washing (preferably at least 10 mL) of the region of the suspected lesion.

Supplies

- Standard bronchoscopy equipment.
- 120 mL clean plastic specimen container(s).
- 50% ethyl alcohol or cytology fixative.

Specimen Collection:

- Using standard bronchoscopy technique, lavage the area to be sampled.
- Collect the wash in a clean container.
- Add 50 mL of cytology fixative.
- Label the container with the patient's full first and last name, second unique identifier, and specimen source/site. Submit the specimen, along with the completed requisition to Incyte Diagnostics.