

## Cytology Specimen Preservative

SPECIMEN TYPE	PRESERVATIVE*
SPUTUM	50% ethyl or methyl alcohol
WASHING/BRUSHING/LAVAGE (lung and GI cytology)	50% ethyl or methyl alcohol or CYTOLYT
URINE catheterized or voided	50% ethyl or methyl alcohol
PLEURAL FLUID	10% BUFFERED FORMALIN**
PERICARDIAL FLUID	10% BUFFERED FORMALIN**
PERITONEAL FLUID	10% BUFFERED FORMALIN**
SYNOVIAL FLUID	10% BUFFERED FORMALIN**
CSF	50% ethyl or methyl alcohol
NIPPLE SECRETIONS	smear secretions thinly on slide and allow to air dry
BREAST FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATE	fix slides with Cytofix spray or immerse in 95% ALCOHOL
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\*add equal volume of preservative to specimen

- label with "alcohol or formalin added" label

\*\*NOTE: WINTER FORMALIN DOES NOT APPLY