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| Miscellaneous Aspirations (Cysts, Joints, etc): **Day(s) / Time(s) Performed:**  | **Monday-Friday** **8am - 5pm**  |
| Turn Around Time\*\*:  | 24 hours  |
| **Specimen Collection Supplies:**  | • **Needles** • **Syringe** • **Specimen Collection Container** • **CytoLyt Solution**  |
| Specimen Collection:  | 1. Collect fluid in syringe. 2. Transfer fluid into a clean labeled container. Or remove the needle, cap off the syringe and submit the specimen in the syringe. 3. Label the syringe or container with patient identifiers. 4. All specimens should be placed in a secondary “Biohazard Safety Bag”. For small volume of fluids (less than 5ml) and/or if delivery delay is anticipated, deposit the fluid in CytoLyt solution (if placing in CytoLyt solution; tighten cap ensuring black lines are aligned).  |
| **Specimen Handling:**  | • **Fresh unfixed specimen** • **Room temperature if specimen is delivered upon collection.\*** **\*Refrigerate if delay is anticipated** **\*If deliver delayed by more than 24 hours, deposit in CytoLyt solution.**  |
| Specimen Requirements:  | • Labeled with two (2) patient identifiers • Completed Cytology Specimen Requisition  |
| **Transportation:**  | **Immediately Delivered / Send to Laboratory or Teton Pathology**  |
| Comments / Special Instructions:  | Do not fix specimen CytoLyt solution can be obtained from Teton Pathology  |
| **Rejection Criteria:**  | • **Inadequate Information / Missing Requisition** • **Unlabeled / Mislabeled Specimen** • **Specimen received in inappropriate fixative**  |
| Retention Time of Specimen:  | One (1) Week After Final Report is Issued  |
| **Laboratory Testing Performed:**  | **Cytopathology – Teton Pathology**  |