Test Definition: HTGFN

Thyroglobulin, Tumor Marker, Fine-Needle Aspiration (FNA)-Needle Wash, Lymph Node

Reporting Title: Thyroglobulin, FNA, Lymph Node
Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

Container/Tube: Sterile vial
Collection Instructions: After collection of the cytology specimens and expulsion of the material for smear or CytoTrap processing:
1. Wash/rinse each FNA needle from a single lymph node nodule with 0.1 to 0.5 mL of normal saline.
2. Pool each wash from a single lymph node nodule into 1 vial. If more than 1 nodule is biopsied, each nodule biopsy should be submitted as a separate specimen.
3. Inspect the specimen as follows:
a. If the specimen shows visible blood or tissue contamination, centrifuge the specimen. Transfer the supernatant to a new plastic vial. Freeze specimen.
b. If specimen is clear, freeze specimen in plastic vial.
Additional Information: If multiple lymph node testing is needed, submit each under a separate order. Clearly identify each specimen.
Forms: If not ordering electronically, submit a General Request Form (Supply T239) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Fine Needle Wash	Frozen (preferred)	7 days
	Refrigerated	7 days

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
TGFN	Thyroglobulin, FNA, Lymph Node	Numeric	ng/mL	53920-5
SITEJ	Site	Numeric		39111-0

CPT Code: 1 × 84432

Reference Values:

< or =1.0 ng/mL
This cutoff has been validated for total needle wash volumes of < or =1.5 mL of normal saline. If wash volumes are substantially larger, a lower cutoff might apply.