

Test Definition: CATLN

Calcitonin, Fine-Needle Aspiration Biopsy (FNAB)-Needle Wash, Lymph Node

Reporting Title: Calcitonin, FNAB, Lymph Node

Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

Container/Tube: Sterile vial Specimen Volume: 1.5 mL

Collection Instructions: After collection of the cytology specimens and expulsion of the material for smear or CytoTrap, process as follows:

- 1. Wash/rinse each FNA needle from a single biopsied area with 0.1 to 0.5 mL of normal saline.
- 2. Pool each wash from a single biopsied area into 1 vial. The washes from a biopsied area are pooled (final volume 1.0-1.5 mL). If more than 1 area is biopsied, each biopsy area should be submitted as a separate specimen, under a separate order.
- 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, and freeze.
- b. If specimen is clear, freeze specimen in plastic vial.
- c. Specimen should be frozen within 2 to 4 hours of collection.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Fine Needle Wash	Frozen (preferred)	7 days
	Refrigerated	4 hours

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Туре	Unit	LOINC®
CATL	Calcitonin, FNAB, Lymph Node	Numeric	pg/mL	
SITEB	Site	Numeric	_	

CPT Code Information:

82308

Reference Values:

An interpretive report will be provided.