

Specimen Type:	Brushing (Bronchial, Gastrointestinal tract, Tracheal, Ureteral)
<i>Patient Preparation:</i>	As ordered by M.D.
<i>Specimen Collection:</i>	Place sheath and retracted brush in 5 mL to 10 mL cytology fixative or saline. Alternatively, direct smears are acceptable. Direct smears must be fixed immediately with spray fixative or immersed in 95% ETOH.
<i>Specimen Requirements:</i>	Submit in cytology fixative or saline. If direct smears are submitted and special stains (e.g. GMS) are requested a minimum of 2 slides should be sent.
<i>Handling/Transport:</i>	If submitted fresh, submit to laboratory immediately, refrigerate if delayed. If direct smears are spray fixed, allow the fixative to dry before placing slides in plastic slide container.
