



# Thyroid Cytology Using SurePath Vials

We would like to encourage the use of SurePath vials as the method of choice in the collection of thyroid cytology.

Direct smears should only be used as a second option.

This eliminates the blood that can obscure cellular detail thus improving the reporting of these samples.

Here are two points to consider:

- Clearly write the nature of the specimen on the form e.g. Thyroid.
- Rinse all needle contents into the SurePath vial (after optionally making a direct preparation).

We believe that a significant lift in quality of cytology preparations and reports is possible with this approach.

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