

Policy

Subject: **Consistency of Language in FNA Reports**
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The language used in reporting Fine Needle Aspiration specimens should be unequivocal in reports and use of specific categories in reporting is considered desirable.

Structured reporting systems are available in many areas of cytopathology. If not available, use of the following categories may provide a suitable framework, with a specific diagnosis, commentary and statement of adequacy when relevant:

Non-diagnostic
Benign,
Atypical,
Suspicious,
Malignant.