

A guide to FNA Thyroid Cytology Reporting



Clinical information

S1.02	Clinical information provided on request form (complete as narrative or use the structured format below)	Text
	History of prior surgery/ radiation	Text
	Thyroid function test results (T3, T4, TSH, Thyroid antibodies)	Text
	NODULES (<i>Repeat for each nodule identified</i>)	
	Location and size	Text
	Radiologic/sonographic appearance	Cystic Solid Mixed Other (describe)
	Calcification	Absent Present
S1.03	Pathology accession number	Text
S1.04	Principal clinician caring for the patient	Text
G1.01	Other clinical information received	Text

Procedural information

S2.01	Date of FNA	Text
S2.02	FNA operator (name, contact details, role ie radiologist/ pathologist/other)	Text
S2.03	Location of sampled nodule(s) (<i>repeat for each aspirated nodule</i>)	Text
G2.01	DESCRIPTION OF NODULE(S) (<i>repeat for each aspirated nodule</i>)	
	Size	___mm
	Calcification	Absent Present
	Number of passes	___
	Aspirated to dryness	No/Yes
	Residual mass	No/Yes
G2.02	LYMPH NODES	Not sampled Sampled
	If sampled, record the location, size and level	Text
G2.03	Aspirate appearance	Text
G2.04	Any difficulties with the aspiration	Text
G2.05	Sedation (level and type)	Text
G2.06	Other relevant information	Text

Specimen information

S2.04	Specimen types/slides	Text
S2.05	Distribution of biopsy material (<i>choose all that apply</i>)	Flow cytometry IHC Cytogenetics FISH Molecular testing Microbiology Tissue bank Other (specify)

Microscopic findings

S3.01	Classification (<i>for recommended terminology refer to p2</i>)	Text
	Further specific diagnosis (<i>if applicable</i>)	Text
S3.02	Summary of cytological findings	Text
	Recommendation (<i>if applicable</i>)	Text

Ancillary findings

G4.01	IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY	
	Antibodies	Positive Ab Negative Ab Equivocal Ab
	Interpretive comment	Text
	FLOW CYTOMETRY	
	Antibodies	Positive Ab Negative Ab Equivocal Ab
	Interpretive comment	Text
	CYTOGENETICS	
	Results	Text
	Interpretive comment	Text
	MOLECULAR GENETICS	
	Results	Text
	Interpretive comment	Text
	FISH	
	Results	Text
	Interpretive comment	Text
	MICROBIOLOGY (including staining cultures and PCR)	
	Results	Text
	Interpretive comment	Text
	Test result type (<i>Repeat for each other test performed</i>)	Text
	Results	Text
	Interpretive comment	Text

Synthesis and overview

G5.01	Overarching comment	Text
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Notes

General categories with comparison to the Bethesda system and comments/ recommendations

RCPA/ASC Classification/terminology	Bethesda	Category number	Comments and recommendations *
Non-diagnostic	Non-diagnostic/Unsatisfactory	1	
Benign	Benign	2	
Indeterminate OR Follicular lesion of undetermined significance	Atypia of undetermined significance/ Follicular lesion of undetermined significance	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of the term atypia in the general diagnostic category is discouraged. 2. The word atypia is used to describe a cellular or architectural feature. 3. Includes follicular and non follicular lesions. 4. Most cases will have a benign follow up. 5. The choice of recommended term is dependent on the circumstances.
Suggestive of a follicular neoplasm	Follicular neoplasm or Suspicious for FN	4	The use of the term suspicious is not recommended
Suspicious of malignancy	Suspicious of malignancy	5	
Malignant	Malignant	6	

Note: The descriptor must always be stated in a report with the category number. The number should NOT be used without the descriptor to avoid any potential miscommunication with other numbered categories used for other sites eg breast. Following general categorisation a specific diagnosis must be stated, favoured or suggested, where applicable.