



## Thin Needle Aspirate Culture

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy
<b>Test Includes:</b>	Isolation and identification of both aerobic and anaerobic pathogens.  Antibiotic susceptibility testing on aerobes where indicated.  Gram stain.
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Syringe
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	0.50 mL
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b> 24 hours/day <b>Stat:</b> No
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	Preliminary reports for aerobic organisms reported after 24 hours and after 48 hours for anaerobes. Complete reports of cultures with anaerobic bacteria may take as long as 10 days to 2 weeks after receipt of the culture.
<b>Special Handling:</b>	Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>	
<b>Reference Range:</b>	No growth
<b>Critical Value:</b>	N/A
<b>CPT Code:</b>	87071, 87073, 87205
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Culture
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling Specimen not collected in sterile container.

Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside.  
Needles must be removed from syringes.  
Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.

**Other Comments:**

Specific site of specimen must be stated.

**Clinical Significance:**

N/A