



Memorandum – Anatomic Pathology #17

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Subject: Updated Thyroid FNA [LAB5432] order

Effective 5/15/23, our lab will require that any Thyroid FNA must be submitted using order **Thyroid FNA [LAB5432]**. The order **Fine Needle Aspiration [LAB534]** should NOT be used for Thyroid as it does not include the corresponding reflex questions for ancillary molecular testing (AKA Afirma/Thyroseq).

Thyroid FNA ✓ Accept ✗ Cancel

Specimen Type: **Thyroid Fine Need Aspirate**

Specimen Source: **Thyroid**

Size of Nodule (cm):

Location within Thyroid: **Left** Left Upper (LU) Left Middle (LM) Left Lower (LL) Isthmus Right Right Upper (RU) Right Middle (RM) Right Lower (RL)

Should Molecular Testing be reflexed: Yes if BC3 or BC4 Yes if BC3, BC4 or BC5 **No**

Diagnosis Code(s): E04.1 Nontoxic single thyroid nodule E04.2 Nontoxic multinodular goiter Other - enter in comment

CC Results: **+** My List **+** PCP **+** Other

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Comments:

✗ Next Required Link Order ✓ Accept ✗ Cancel

Also, note that a previous version of this order included the option “Hold for Physician Request”, which has been eliminated.

If your patient is unsure of wanting the molecular testing done, select NO reflex and still collect the additional pass for the Afirma/Thyroseq sample. This sample will be stored in the lab for up to 90 days in case the provider wants to add testing after receiving results and discussing the molecular testing option with the patient.

For questions related to these changes, you can contact Daniel Arguello via Epic In-Basket or email me at Daniel.Arguello@unchealth.unc.edu