PROCEDURE MANUAL-DEPARTMENT: PATHOLOGY & CLINICAL LABORATORIES  9.5

SUBJECT: Bronchoscopy Specimens

Bronchoscopic Washings/Lavage:

Specimen should be submitted in sterile, capped containers labeled with the patient’s name and medical record number and site of specimen. It should be collected using normal saline or a balanced salt solution. Submit to Laboratory immediately. If necessary, the same specimen may be used for microbiology requests. A Cytopathology requisition must be completed and submitted with the specimen.

Bronchoscopic Brushings:

After brushing lesions, cut off disposable brush with 1½ to 2 inches of wire cable and place immediately into a conical tube containing 25 ml Cytolyt™ Solution (provided by the laboratory). Submit to Laboratory immediately. Because the specimen is placed into Cytolyt™ Solution, it cannot be submitted for microbiology specimens.

A Cytopathology requisition must be completed and submitted with the specimen.

The specimen container must be labeled with the following information:

- Patient name
- Medical record number
- Specimen source
- Date and time of collection