



Hong Kong Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences
Quality Assurance Programme
Cytopathology

Non-gynaecological Slide
Preparation Module

May Survey (2026)

Date of Return: 19 May 2026

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Participant laboratory should prepare non-gynaecology cytology smears from leftover clinical cytology materials received in the laboratory.
2. Participant laboratory should prepare cytology smears according to the SOP of the laboratory.
3. Participant should return Haematoxylin & Eosin (HE) and / or Papanicolaou (PAP) stained cytology smears **from any or all of** the following three types of non-gynaecology cytology materials : Sputum (S); Urine (U) and Body Fluid (F) either pleural fluid or peritoneal fluid.
4. Participant should label cytology smears with the 4- digit laboratory confidential code, test code, type of preparation and staining methods with code as shown in the questionnaire.
5. Besides the required information, do not mark any information that may reveal the identity of your laboratory.
6. **Pack the slide sets after the mountant is thoroughly dried.** Put the slide sets inside the provided foamed-padded envelope and return together with the completed questionnaire to HKIMLSQAP.
7. Arrange return of survey material with the courier service provider according to the instruction as per attached on / before **5 June 2026**
8. No return or late return will be counted as not done and will be marked as “ND” in the report.
9. **Participant will be requested to submit slides again within two weeks’ time if broken slides are received.**
10. The quality of staining and preparation will be evaluated by the Cytopathology Panel with reference to the staining intensity, revelation of nuclear/cytoplasmic details, contrast, consistency, cell distributions, tidiness and labelling. Unlabelled and improperly labelled slides will not be evaluated by the panel and no mark will be given to those slides.
10. Submitted slides will be returned to the participant together with the survey report.

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RETURN FORM



Laboratory Code:

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Date of Return: on or before 5 JUN 2026

QUESTIONNAIRE

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Type of Preparation Techniques <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Smears (D) <input type="checkbox"/> Cytospin smears (C) <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid based smears (L)	Type of Preparation Techniques <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Smears (D) <input type="checkbox"/> Cytospin smears (C) <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid based smears (L)	Type of Preparation Techniques <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Smears (D) <input type="checkbox"/> Cytospin smears (C) <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid based smears (L)
Staining of Cytology <input type="checkbox"/> HE <input type="checkbox"/> PAP	Staining of Cytology <input type="checkbox"/> HE <input type="checkbox"/> PAP	Staining of Cytology <input type="checkbox"/> HE <input type="checkbox"/> PAP
Sex	Sex	Sex
Age	Age	Age
Clinical history	Clinical history	Clinical history
Cytological Diagnosis	Cytological Diagnosis	Cytological Diagnosis

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