

WASHINGS (ESOPHAGEAL, GASTRIC, OTHER)

Indications

For detection and characterization of endoscopically identified gastrointestinal lesions; for the identification of some microbiologic pathogens (primarily Herpes, CMV and Candida).

Specimen Required

Endoscopically obtained washing (preferably at least 10 ml) of the region of the suspected lesion.

Supplies

Standard endoscopy equipment.

Clean plastic specimen container(s).

Collection Procedure

Using standard endoscopy technique, lavage the area of interest using a physiologic solution. Aspirate the solution and place in a clean specimen container. Label the container with the correct patient information and submit FRESH, WITHOUT FIXATIVE, with the completed request form to ARDX LMC. If transport of the specimen will be delayed, the specimen should be refrigerated until transport to the lab.