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WHO Reporting Systems in Cytopathology Contents

- Each category chapter has sections on the lesions/tumors that commonly are found in that category.
- Each lesion/tumor has subheadings for brief clinical presentation, imaging and histopathology (<u>linked to the corresponding WHO tumor classification</u> <u>books</u>) and then "key diagnostic cytopathological criteria" followed by a discussion, differential diagnosis and ancillary testing.
- Each category chapter includes "sample reports"

WHO Reporting Systems in Cytopathology The Standardized Cytopathology Report

- Demographic information:
- -patient's name, date of birth, address, patient identifiers, date of request, and laboratory accession number
- -referring doctor and contact details

Type of Specimen:

- -sputum, bronchial wash, bronchial lavage, bronchial brush, FNAB (EBUS, transthoracic), BDB, pancreas FNA, pancreas mass or cyst, lymph node (location), soft tissue mass (location)
- **Clinical & Imaging information:**
- -site, size (mm), imaging (ultrasound, CXR, tomogram, CT, MRI) features
 - -previous cytopathology procedures and results and previous other biopsy results when available
- Diagnostic Category: (example: Malignant)
 - -using terminology not a number
- Diagnosis: -specific diagnosis or differential diagnosis
- Comment, microscopic description optional (preferred if diagnosis is indeterminate)



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Diagnostic category	Estimated ROM ^a	Clinical management options ^b
"Insufficient/Inadequate/Non- diagnostic"	43-53%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO, ideally discuss at an MDT meeting, and perform repeat FNAB with or without CNB
"Benign"	19–64%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO; if these confirm a benign diagnosis, then routine follow-up at 3–6 months; if no correlation, perform repeat FNAB with or without CNB
"Atypical"	46-55%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO, and ideally discuss at an MDT meeting; if all show a benign diagnosis, then routine follow-up at 3–6 months; if no correlation, perform repeat FNAB with ROSE with or without CNB
"Suspicious for malignancy"	75-88%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO, and ideally discuss at an MDT meeting; if all four support a diagnosis of malignancy, consider definitive treatment; if no correlation that lesion is malignant, perform repeat FNAB with ROSE with or without CNB
"Malignant"	87–100%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO, and ideally discuss at an MDT meeting; if all four support a diagnosis of malignancy, provide definitive treatment; if no correlation that lesion is malignant, consider repeat FNAB with ROSE with or without CNB

Diagnostic Categories with ROM and Management for Sputum, Bronchial Washing and Bronchial Brushing

Diagnostic category	Estimated ROM ^a	Clinical management options ^b
"'Insufficient/Inadequate/Non- diagnostic"	Sputum sample: 0–100% BW: 38–81% BB: 0–75%	Consider repeating the sampling or use BB/BW (in case of sputum sample) and/or FNAB, depending on CLIN-IMG-MICRO
"Benign"	Sputum sample: 0-42% BW: 38-42% BB: 32-38%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO; if these confirm a benign diagnosis, then routine follow-up at 3–6 months; if no correlation, consider new sampling
"Atypical"	Sputum sample: 86–100% BW: 62–86% BB: 79–100%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO; if these are "Benign", repeat; if "Atypical" or "Suspicious for malignancy", perform BB/BW or FNAB with or without CNB
"Suspicious for malignancy"	Sputum sample: 100% BW: 83-100% BB: 75-100%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO, and perform BB/BW or FNAB with or without CNB; these cases need to be discussed at MDT meetings
"Malignant"	Sputum sample: 100% BW: 98-100% BB: 94-100%	Correlate with CLIN-IMG-MICRO, and perform BB/BW or FNAB with or without CNB to confirm diagnosis before definitive treatment



Different types of FNAB techniques and indicat	tions		
Source:			
Type of FNAB	Indications	Advantages	Limitations
Percutaneous transthoracic FNAB	New or enlarging solitary lung nodules on CXR or CT that are not amenable to diagnosis by bronchoscopy	High diagnostic yield Avoids open lung biopsy	Risk of pneumothorax
Ultrasound-guided	Sonographically visible subpleural or superficial lesions that are in contact with the chest wall	Quick and easy to perform	Only for superficial lesions
CT-guided	For deep parenchymal lesions	Deep lesions can be sampled	Time-consuming
Transbronchial/endobronchial FNAB without imaging guidance (blind/conventional TBFNAB)	Endobronchial lexions Peribronchial parenchymal lexions Bronchial submucosal lexions Mediastiani, hitar, and subcarinal lymph nodes or hilar mass lexions for staging lung cuncer, diagnosis of granulomatous diseases, lymphona, extrapulmonary metastasis, or workup of nonspecific mediastinal lymphadenopathy	High sensitivity	Limited accessibility of mediastinum
EBUS-TBFNAB (lung)	Same as conventional TBFNAB	Can also access peripheral pulmonary lesions with the help of radial probe (radial EBUS) Can access nodal stations 10 (hilar), 11 (interlobar), and partial 12 (lobar)	Cannot access posteroinferior mediastinum and upper lobe lesions Costly; limited availability
EBUS-TBFNAB (lymph nodes)	Mediastinal lymphadenopathy of stations 8 (para- oesophageal, below carina) and 9 (pulmonary ligament)	Can be done safely alongside EBUS in a single session	n/a
EBUS, endobronchial ultrasound; EBUS-TBFN transbronchial FNAB.	AB, endobronchial ultrasound-ge	iided transbronchial FNAB; n/a	, not applicable; TBFNAB,
(from WHO Re	eporting System for Lung C	vtopathology, Chapter 2)	











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Diagnostic category	Examples of diagnostic entities
I. Nondiagnostic	Acellular aspirate with no evidence of a mucinous etiology
	Gastrointestinal contamination
	Benign pancreatic parenchyma, if a well-defined mass is identified on imaging
II. Negative for malignancy	Benign pancreatic parenchyma, if a well-defined mass is not identified on imaging
	Acute pancreatitis
	Chronic pancreatitis
	Autoimmune pancreatitis
	Pseudocyst
	Lymphoepithelial cyst
	Ectopic splenic tissue
III Atypical	Atypical ductal cells, obscured by artifact
IV. Neoplastic: benign	Serous cystadenoma
)	Lymphangioma
IV. Neoplastic: other	Neuroendocrine tumor, well-differentiated
	Intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm (including all grades of dysplasia)
	Mucinous cystic neoplasm (including all grades of dysplasia)
	Solid pseudopapillary neoplasm
V. Suspicious for malignancy	Rare markedly atypical epithelial cells, insufficient in quality or quantity for positive or malignant diagnosis
VI. Positive or malignant	Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma
	Cholangiocarcinoma
	Acinar cell carcinoma
	Neuroendocrine carcinoma, poorly differentiated
	Pancreatoblastoma
	Lymphoma
	Metastatic malignancy
Abbreviation: PCS, Papanicolaou Society of Data from Pitman et al. ⁵	Cytopathology.

Nondiagnostic			r value (relative to beingin category)
Negative for mellonence	7.7	7.7	0.07
. Negative for malignancy	1.0	1.0	NA
I. Atypical	28.0	28.0	0.001 ^a
/. Neoplastic: benign	0.0	0.0	1.00
/. Neoplastic: other, all grades of atypia	30.3	30.3	<0.001 ^a
With low-grade atypia	4.3	4.3	0.23
With high-grade atypia	90.0	90.0	<0.001 ^a
Suspicious for malignancy	100.0	100.0	<0.001 ^a
I. Positive or malignant	100.0	100.0	<0.001 ^a
bbreviations: NA, not applicable; PCS, Papanico tatistically significant ($P < 0.05$).	olaou Society of Cytopathology.		
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	PSC Syste	m	WHO	System	
1	Nondiagnostic			Inadequate/insufficient/ nondiagnostic	1
2	Negative (for Malignancy)	Non-neoplastic only	Non-neoplastic and neoplastic (SCA)	Benign/Negative (for Malignancy)	2
3	Atypical			Atypical	3
4	Neoplastic				
4a	Neoplastic:Benign	SCA	low-grade MCN Low-grade IPMN Also, low-grade PanIN, BillN	Pancreaticobiliary Neoplasm- low risk/low- grade (Pan-Low)	4
4b	Neoplastic:Other	IPMN,MCN, PanNET, SPN	High-grade MCN High-grade IPMN IOPN ITPN Also, high-grade PanIN, BillN	Pancreaticobiliary Neoplasm- high risk/high- grade (Pan-High)	5
5	Suspicious (for malignancy)			Suspicious (for malignancy)	6
6	Positive (for malignancy)		PDAC, Acinar Cell ca., PanNET, PanNEC,	Malignant	7

Diagnostic category	Estimated risk of malignancy (%) ^a	Clinical Management Options ^b
nsufficient/inadequate/nondiagnostic	5-25	Repeat FNAB
nign/Negative for Malignancy	0-15	Correlate clinically
stypical	30-40	Repeat FNAB
Pancreatic Neoplasm: low risk/low-grade (PaN-Low)	5-20	Correlate clinically
Pancreatic Neoplasm: high risk/high-grade (PaN-High)	60 - 95	Surgical Resection in surgically fit patients Conservative management optional
Suspicious for Malignancy	80 - 100	If patient to be surgically managed, treat as positive If patient requires pre-operative therapy, repeat FNAB
//alignant	99 - 100	Per clinical stage
Abbreviation: FNAB, fine-needle aspiration * Estimated risks of malignancy are based on grade and high-grade cytopathological atypi * Management options for patients with panc and the overall functional status of the patient cola PS, Amin RN 3rd, Rosenhaum MW, Pitman MB, B	biopsy. retrospective and prosp a. reatic lesions may deper it. Some clinical manage	ective studies with risk analysis based on pancreatic neoplasia with low- id on a variety of factors, including clinical and imaging characteristics ment suggestions are outlined as above.

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Diagnostic category	Estimated risk of malignancy (%) ^a	Clinical management options"
Insufficient/inadequate/nondiagnostic	28 - 69	Repeat ERCP with cholangioscopy, brushing, and biopsies
Benign/Negative for Malignancy	26 - 55	Correlate clinically
Atypical	25 – 77	Repeat ERCP with cholangioscopy, brushing, and biopsies; consider ancillary testing with FISH and/or NGS
Pancreatic Neoplasm-low-grade (PaN-low)	NA ^c	NA
Pancreatic Neoplasm-high-grade (PaN-high)	NA ^c	NA
Suspicious (for malignancy)	74 – 100	Repeat sampling with ancillary testing (FISH and/or NGS) or, if other factors support malignancy, surgical intervention; for neoadjuvant therapy, repeat ERCP with cholangioscopy/brushings/biopsies/ancillary studies
Malignant	96 - 100	Per clinical stage

Abbreviation: ERCP, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography; FNAB, fine-needle aspiration biopsy; FISH, fluorescence insitu hybridization; NA, not available/not applicable; NGS, next-generation sequencing.

^b Management options for patients with bile duct strictures may depend on a variety of factors, including clinical and imaging characteristics and overall functional status of the patient. Some clinical management suggestions are outlined as above.

^c Cytological criteria for premalignant neoplasms of the bile duct are lacking and, thus, there are no data on bile duct categorization in the PaN-low and PaN-high categories.

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ICC stain	Target	Diagnostic utility	Limitations
SMAD4	Loss of nuclear staining	Adenocarcinoma	Strong staining in non-tumour disorders and other tumours; lost in -50% of adenocarcinomas
p53	Positive nuclear staining	Adenocarcinoma	Also mutated in high-grade intraepithelial neoplasia
Mesothelin	Positive cytoplasmic staining	Adenocarcinoma	Focal staining in pancreatitis
IMP3	Strong cytoplasmic staining	Adenocarcinoma	Focal staining in pancreatitis
S100P	Strong cytoplasmic and nuclear staining	Adenocarcinoma	Strong staining of gastric epithelium
Monoclonal CEA	Strong cytoplasmic staining	Adenocarcinoma	
CA125 (MUC16)	Strong cytoplasmic staining	Adenocarcinoma	
VHL protein	Loss of membranous and cytoplasmic staining	Adenocarcinoma	Membranous and cytoplasmic expression in normal biliary and pancreatic ductal cells; loss in AIP
Synaptophysin	Strong, diffuse cytoplasmic staining	Neuroendocrine neoplasms	Focal staining in other tumours and normal islet cells
Chromogranin A	Strong to patchy cytoplasmic staining	Neuroendocrine neoplasms	Patchy staining, sometimes weak
INSM1	Strong, diffuse nuclear staining	Neuroendocrine neoplasms	Focal staining in other tumours
Trypsin	Strong cytoplasmic granular staining	Acinar cell carcinoma and other acinar proliferations	High background staining; focal staining in other tumours
Chymotrypsin	Strong cytoplasmic granular staining	Acinar cell carcinoma and other acinar proliferations	High background staining; focal staining in other tumours
BCL10	Cytoplasmic staining	Acinar cell carcinoma and other acinar proliferations	
CD99	Perinuclear dot-like pattern	Solid pseudopapillary neoplasm	Specific
β-Catenin	Strong nuclear staining	Solid pseudopapillary neoplasm	Nuclear staining in other tumours, but usually much more high-grade (acinar cell carcinoma)





2. Benign/Negative (for Malignancy)

Serous Cystadenoma - fork tipped needle



4. Pancreatic neoplasm: low risk/ low-grade (Pan-low)

- ✓ A specimen categorized as 'Pancreaticobiliary neoplasm: low risk/lowgrade' has features of an intraductal and/or cystic neoplasm with low-grade epithelial atypia.
- ✓ Extracted from the 'Neoplastic: Other' category of the Papanicolaou System for Reporting Pancreaticobiliary Cytology
- Low-grade epithelial atypia encompasses low-grade and intermediategrade dysplasia and has a low risk of disease progression.

























stic Ca	ategorie	es, ROM and Management
Diagnostic category	Estimated ROM ^a	Diagnostic management options ^{b,c}
Inadequate/ Insufficient	17–67% (34%)	CORRELATE ^d . Repeat FNAB, ideally with ROSE and ancillary tests, and consider performing CNB.
Benign	2–16% (5%)	CORRELATE ^d . If the findings correlate with the FNAB, review clinically as required. If the findings are discrepant with the FNAB, consider repeating the FNAB, ideally with ROSE and ancillary testing, and/or perform CNB.
Atypical	29–77% (65%)	CORRELATE ^d . Consider repeating the FNAB, ideally with ROSE and ancillary testing, and/or perform CNB or excision biopsy.
Suspicious for malignancy	88–100% (93%)	CORRELATE ^d . Repeat the FNAB, ideally with ROSE and ancillary testing, and/or perform CNB or excision biopsy ^{e,f} .
Malignant	98–100% (100%)	CORRELATE ^d . If the findings are discrepant with the FNAB or more material is required for ancillary testing, repeat the FNAB, ideally with ROSE and ancillary testing, and/or perform CNB or excision biopsy ^{e,f} .





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8.6.5.4.4: Splenic B-cell lymphoma 8.6.5.4: Hepatosplenic T-cell lym 8.6.5.3: Angiosarcoma 8.6.5: Thymic neoplasms	phoma	CDX2	Small and large intestines, pancreatic ducts	Colorectal carcinomas; some pancreatobiliary carcinomas; som gastric adenocarcinomas
8.6.4.15: Thymic neoplasms: Intro 8.6.4.13: Thymomas 8.6.4.20: Thymic B-cell lymphoma 8.6.4.14: Thymic carcinomas	duction IS	GATA 3	Breasts, urothelium, salivary glands, and T lymphocytes	Breast carcinomas (70% ER+); urothelial carcinomas; paragangliomas; some salivary gland tumours
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Tumour type	Useful cytoplasmic and/or membranous markers	SOX10	Melanocytes, myoepithelial cells, breasts	Melanoma, including melanoma of soft parts; salivary gland tumours, including pleomorphic adenomas, adenoid cystic carcinomas, basal cell adenomas and adenocarcinomas, acinic call continuous accention consideration and including musciliability
Adrenal cortical neoplasm	MART1, inhibin, calretinin			carcinomas, and rare mucoepidermoid carcinomas; triple-negat
Breast carcinoma	GCDFP-15, mammaglobin			breast carcinomas
Colorectal carcinoma	CK20, villin, CEA			
Hepatocellular carcinoma	HepPar1, arginase-1, glypican-3, AFP	TTF1	Thyroid follicular and	Lung adenocarcinomas (including some mucinous
Lung adenocarcinoma	Napsin A		(type II and bronchial	adenocarcinomas); small cell neuroendocrine carcinomas; som large cell neuroendocrine carcinomas; some neuroendocrine
Mesothelioma	Calretinin, D2-40, mesothelin, CK5/6		cells)	tumours; thyroid follicular and papillary carcinomas; thyroid
Neuroendocrine neoplasm	Chromogranin, synaptophysin, CD56			medullary carcinomas
Prostate carcinoma	PSA, PSAP			
Renal cell carcinoma, clear cell type Thyroid papillary and follicular carcinoma	RCC, carbonic anhydrase IX, CD10 Thyroglobulin			
Thyroid medullary carcinoma	Calcitonin			
Squamous cell carcinoma	p40, p63, CK5/6, p16 (HPV-related carcinoma)			60





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Diagnostic category	Estimated ROM	Clinical management options	
		CORRELATE. Repeat FNAB	
Insufficient/Inadequate/I diagnostic	Non- 29.9% (9-42)	preferably with ROSE	
		CORRELATE, If disrepancy,	
Benign	2.5% (0-4)	repeat FNAB and/or CNB. If	
		correlation, review when	
		appropriate	
		CORRELATE. Discuss at MDT.	
Atypical	39.6% (46)	Repeat FNAB and/or CNB and/or	
	51 10((20. 27)	surgical biopsy	
	51.4% (20-27)	CORRELATE. Discuss at MDT.	
SINUMP		Repeat FNAB and/or CNB and/or	
		surgical biopsy	
	(0.20) (71.00)	CORRELATE. Discuss at MDT.	
Suspicious for malignan	es 2% (71-80)	Consider repeat FNAB to gain	
		material for ancillary testing, but	
		usually will require CINB and/or	
		COPPELATE Discuss at MDT	
Malignant	97 7% (91 100)	Uqually will require CNR and/or	
Wangnant	97.770 (91-100)	Usually will require CIVB and/or	







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Diagnostic category	Estimated ROM ^a	Clinical management options ^b		
Insufficient/Inadequate/Non-diagnostic	0-60.9%	Repeat FNAB or consider CNB. If low clinic		
		suspicion, consider repeat clinical and		
		radiologic examination in 3-6 months.		
Benign	0-11.7%	Correlate clinically.		
Atypical	13.0-40.0%	Repeat FNAB or consider CNB. If low clinic		
		suspicion, consider repeat clinical and		
		radiologic examination in 3-6 months.		
Suspicious	45.8-100%	CNB or surgical management.		
Malignant	91.1-100%	If clinical or imaging discordant, CNB; if		
		clinical and imaging concordant, treat per		
		clinical stage.		











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WHO Reporting System for Liver Cytopathology Diagnostic Categories

- 1. Insufficient/inadequate/nondiagnostic
- 2. Benign
- 3. Atypical
- 4. Suspicious for Malignancy
- 5. Malignant







Liver: RC	Liver: ROM and Management		
Diagnosis	Estimated Risk of Malignancy (ROM)*	Clinical Management Options and Recommendations^	
Insufficient/Inadequate/Non- Diagnostic	15-67%	A repeat sampling is recommended	
Benign	3-16%	A follow up imaging study and, if necessary, tissue sampling is encouraged as necessary.	
Atypical	21-100%	A repeat sampling in conjunction with imaging study is recommended	
Suspicious	77-100%	Additional sampling with ancillary studies may be necessary to determine further therapy	
Malignant	100%	Definitive therapy is based on the type of malignancy and stage of disease.	

Controversies in Devolvement of the WHO Reporting System for Liver Cytopathology

- 1. Techniques: FNAB and/or CNB
- 2. Insufficient/inadequate/nondiagnostic category and benign tissue on FNAB

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- 3. Where to place and how to discuss premalignant lesions: MCN, IPBN, LGDN, HGDN?
- 4. NET/NEC as primary or metastatic malignancy?















	Where to place and how to discuss MCN, IPBN, LGDN, HGDN?	
Currentl cirrhosis FOR M	ly in the WHO Reporting System for Liver Cytopathology, DNs are introduced s in the BENIGN chapter and further discussed under the ATYPIA and SUSPI ALIGNANCY chapters. They are not listed by name in the CONTENTS.	under CIOUS
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Neuroendocrine Neoplasms (NET/NEC): primary or metastatic malignancy?

Pathogenesis

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• Primary hepatic neuroendocrine tumors (PHNET) can arise anywhere within the liver.

Clinical implications

• PHNETs are characterized by non-specific clinical and imaging results, which can be easily confused with other liver lesions, including HCC and CCA.

- NETs account for 0.4% of resected hepatic primaries, and NECs or MiNENs make up 0.5% .

• Due to its rarity, rigorous exclusion of metastasis is mandatory before the tumor can be accepted as a hepatic primary.

• For this practical reason, NET/NEC entities are discussed under "Metastases" in this reporting system.

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Neuroendocrine Neoplasms are discussed under "Metastases" in the WHO Reporting System for Liver Cytopathology

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Oncocytic tumors of the Kidney Heterogeneous category with very different ROM (2-100%)



- Oncocytoma
- Chromophobe RCC
- Papillary RCC
- Clear Cell RCC
- Fumarate hydratase-deficient RCC
- TFE3-translocation RCC
- Tubulocystic carcinoma
- Papillary neoplasm with reverse polarity
- Low grade oncocytic tumor (LOT)(recently recognized renal oncocytic neoplasm that is CK7 +, CD117 -)
- Eosinophilic solid and cystic RCC
- · Eosinophilic vacuolated Tumor
- "Hybrid" tumors in Birt-Hogg-Dubé





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	Cytologic diagnoses	Risk of malignancy	
	Nondiagnostic	82%	
	Benign	24%	
	Atypical	83%	
	Neoplastic	100%	
	Suspicious	100%	
	Positive for malignant cells	99%	
â	^a Yang 2017 ³ ; Patel et al., 2016 ⁴ ; Scanga & Mayg 2018. ⁶	garden, 2014 ⁵ ; Lau et al.	107
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TABLE 3 Estimated risk of malignancy: Fine-needle aspiration and core-needle biopsies combined using immunohistochemistry.

Cytologic diagnoses	Risk of malignancy
Nondiagnostic	80%
Benign	2%ª
Low-risk oncocytic renal neoplasm	21% ^b
Oncocytic tumor	2%-100%
Atypical	80%
Suspicious	90%
Positive for malignant cells	99%
^a Based on data for oncocytoma (Zhu et al., 2020 ⁸). ^o Five-year survival rate ≥95% (Renshaw et al., 2023 ¹²).	

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Adrenal gland FNAB

- Metastases are extremely common, and the primary is usually known
- Metastases can resemble adrenal cortical carcinoma, so immunostains are a good idea
- The diagnosis of adrenal cortical adenoma versus carcinoma is not always posible on FNA/CNB. Option: adrenal cortical neoplasm

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WHO Reporting System for Kidney and Adrenal Gland Cytopathology Diagnostic Categories

- 1.Insufficient/inadequate/nondiagnostic
- 2.Benign
- 3.Atypical
- 4.Low-risk oncocytic renal neoplasm
- 5.Suspicious
- 6.Malignant

Risk of Malignancy

Kidney

Diagnostic Category	Risk of malignancy
Nondiagnostic	65-80%
Benign	2-20%, 5 year
	survival at least
	95% ^a
Low risk oncocytic	2-20%, 5 year
renal neoplasm	survival at least
	95% ^a
Atypical	60-80%
Suspicious	70-90%
(for Malignancy)	
Malignant	97-99%

Adrenal

Diagnostic Category	Risk of malignancy
Nondiagnostic	30%
Benign\$	0%
Atypical	48%
Suspicious (for Malignancy)	100%
Malignant	99%

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