Shared Samples for Microbiology and Histology or Cytology

Samples, such as tissue or aspirates, which require testing for microbiology as well as histology or cytology, are processed by two different laboratories – Labtests perform the microbiology testing and Anatomic Pathology Service (APS) perform the histology or cytology testing.

When sending one sample requiring microbiology and histology or cytology testing, please provide two request forms – a Labtests form for the microbiology and an APS form for the histology or cytology. Place the sample into a biohazard bag with both forms in the side pocket.

Two separate samples are preferred if this is possible. If sending two separate samples, place each sample in separate biohazard bags along with the appropriate request form.