

Milan System for Reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology

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Shared Health Diagnostic Services will be implementing a new reporting system for salivary gland cytopathology – the Milan System.

Salivary gland FNA is an established and effective tool in the preoperative diagnosis of salivary gland lesions, The Milan System provides a standard cytologic evidence-based reporting system that adequately addresses the cytomorphic spectrum of salivary gland lesions.

This diagnostic classification system is practical, with well-defined criteria diagnostic categories, designed to help improve patient management. The classifications emphasize risk stratification and each diagnostic category provides a framework for subcategorization of lesions based on cellular and cytoarchitectural features.

Reporting categories within the Milan System are as follows:

- Non-Diagnostic
- Non-Neoplastic
- Atypia of Undetermined Significance (AUS)
- Neoplasm
 - Benign
 - Neoplasm of uncertain malignant potential
- Suspicious for Malignancy
- Malignant

*Provision of pertinent clinical information on the cytology requisition is the responsibility of the submitting physician, and should be considered mandatory.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Dr. Gabor Fischer or Dr. Julianne Klein.

References/Resources:

[The Milan System for Reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology](#)

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