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§493.1274 Standard: Cytology

(e)(5) The report contains narrative descriptive nomenclature for all results.

***Interpretive* Guidelines §493.1274(e)(5)**

In cytology, great variation exists among the systems and terms a laboratory may use to report patient results on cytology reports. The laboratory must specify the descriptive nomenclature used for reporting patient results. This nomenclature must define the criteria used to classify patient results in a particular category in a clear and concise manner to ensure that all employees report patient results in a uniform, consistent manner. Use of the Papanicolaou numerical system without narrative description is not acceptable.

The Bethesda System is an example of a recognized system of narrative descriptive nomenclature for gynecologic cytology.

Probes §493.1274(e)(5)

When cytology evaluations are recorded on worksheets in “code” how does the laboratory ensure that the correct interpretation is used in reporting the results? Use D5801.