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: (FNAB)

: 1997 2001 FNAB 1845  
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: FNAB 가 531 255 ‘ ‘ ‘ 120  
가 가 50 ‘

가 , 58% 29  
FNAB 가 531  
207 , 101  
106 ‘ ‘ 30 73% 22

: FNAB ‘ 가 58%  
가  
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(percutaneous fine needle aspi - (1).  
ration biopsy, FNAB) 가 FNAB  
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(1, 2).  
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76 - 97% (3, 4), FNAB FNAB  
12 - 68% , 가 FNAB  
20 - 30% (5 - 7). FNAB  
33 - 73%  
(1).  
FNAB 가 5.5% 29%  
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Products, Wheeling, IL) 가 1cm

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FNAB 1845  
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, 75 hamartoma

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(Table 2).  
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FNAB 가 225  
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47% 가  
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50 58% 29  
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FNAB 가

Table 1. Nonspecific Results in the First Percutaneous Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy

Results in the first FNAB	Number
Insufficient cells	154 (29%)
Inflammatory cells	255 (48%)
Necrotic debris	72 (13%)
Atypical cells	50 (9%)
Total	531

Table 2. Final Diagnosis in Cases of Nonspecific Results in the First FNAB

Final diagnosis	Nonspecific results in the first FNAB			
	Insufficient cells	Inflammatory cells	Necrotic debris	Atypical cells
Malignant neoplasm	35 (22%)	29 (11%)	12 (15%)	29 (58%)
Benign neoplasm	10	6	1	3
Specific inflammatory disease	32	31	10	2
Decreased size of the lesion	35	120	22	6
No change in the size of the lesion	25	37	17	2
Undetermined	17	32	10	8
Total	154	255	72	50

가 30 , 80% 24 , 22 . (12) FNAB 181  
(Table 4). , 21 FNAB .  
12 (57%), 8 ,  
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5, 6, 8 - 10), 29% (531/1845) FNAB 가  
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, 3 . 9 가  
(unavailable for follow - up). 6 , 31  
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, 9 (1). FNAB 가  
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11% 가 FNAB  
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Table 3. Analysis of 207 Cases in Repeated FNAB

First FNAB \ Repeated FNAB	Nonspecific results	Specific results
Insufficient cells	44 (50%)	44 (50%)
Inflammatory cells	42 (61%)	27 (39%)
Necrotic debris	9 (45%)	11 (55%)
Atypical cells	6 (20%)	24 (80%)
Total	101	106

Table 4. Analysis of the Cases in the Specific Results from Repeated FNAB

	Repeated FNAB	Malignant neoplasm	Benign neoplasm	Specific inflammatory disease
First FNAB				
Insufficient cells		18	4	22
Inflammatory cells		12	3	12
Necrotic debris		5	0	6
Atypical cells		22	0	2
Total		57	7	42

FNAB 35 - 50%  
 가 (14 - 16). Penketh 683  
 FNAB , 69% 473  
 43 , 37% 16  
 (17).  
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 , 106 (51%)  
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## Percutaneous Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy for the Intrathoracic Lesions: What is the Meaning of Non-Diagnostic Results?<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose:** To know what is the meaning of non-diagnostic results of fine needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB) and whether repeated aspiration is needed or not in those situations.

**Materials and Methods:** We reviewed 1845 patients who underwent FNAB from 1997 to 2001. Non-diagnostic results of the first FNAB were divided into four groups: insufficient number of cells, inflammatory cells, necrotic debris and atypical cells. We analyzed final diagnosis of 531 patients who had non-diagnostic results from the first FNAB. Among them, 207 lesions were re-biopsied because of clinical and radiologic suspicion of malignancy. The diagnostic yield of repeated FNAB was analyzed and compared with the results of the first FNAB.

**Results:** Among 255 cases with "inflammatory cells only" results, 120 cases were confirmed benignancy on follow-up. Twenty nine of 50 atypical cells (58%) were malignant on follow-up. One hundred one of 207 repeated FNAB resulted in the non-diagnostic reports, and 106 of 207 repeated FNAB were diagnosed as specific diagnosis. Among thirty lesions showing atypical cells on the repeated FNAB, 22 (73%) were identified as malignant neoplasms.

**Conclusion:** When the specimen of FNAB shows atypical cells, the possibility of malignancy is very high. When the results of FNAB is non-diagnostic in the cases with clinical and radiological suspicion of malignancy, repeated FNAB procedures should be seriously considered and will be helpful for accurate specific diagnosis.

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