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| **Thyroid Fine Needle Aspirations** | |
| **Diagnostic Category** | **Criteria** |
| Non-Diagnostic/ Unsatisfactory | Less than six groups of 8-10 follicular cells, Include Cyst fluid only and Virtually acellular specimens in this category |
| Negative | Material is sufficient for diagnosis and appears normal (Benign Follicular Nodule including Adenomatoid Nodule and Colloid Nodule, Hashimoto’s, Granuloma) |
| Atypical | Cellular changes are beyond those of a benign reactive process, but not enough to conclusively diagnose as suspicious |
| Suspicious | Cellular changes are suspicious but not conclusive for malignancy. Include Hurthle Cell and Follicular Neoplasms in this category |
| Positive | Primary thyroid carcinomas (Medullary, Papillary, Anaplastic, Lymphoma) and metastatic cancers |