

Peritoneal biopsies (Core and Non-core)

Reporting of peritoneal involvement is core when biopsy specimens are submitted as part of staging of endometrial carcinoma. The site of the peritoneal biopsies and the presence or absence of tumour involvement should be documented. Taking of blind peritoneal biopsies is routine in some institutions.¹

It is important to distinguish between abdominal and pelvic peritoneal involvement since this denotes a different Stage (IIIA for pelvic peritoneal involvement and IVB for upper abdominal peritoneal involvement).

Reference

- 1 Timmers PJ, Zwinderman K, Coens C, Vergote I and Trimbos JB (2010). Lymph node sampling and taking of blind biopsies are important elements of the surgical staging of early ovarian cancer. *Int J Gynecol Cancer* 20(7):1142-1147.