





## You Do Not Have to Wait Three Months to Repeat the FNAB When It Is Nondiagnostic or Insufficient

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who does the FNA. In a Korean study of 4077 FNAB, 16% yielded inadequate samples (2). The factors predisposing to inadequate samples were cystic nodules, macrocalcifications, and operator inexperience. In the current study, there was no analysis based on the experience of the operator or the ultrasound characteristics of the nodule. Nevertheless, the data indicate

that first nondiagnostic FNABs predispose to second nondiagnostic biopsies. Although this is disappointing, it gives reassurance that the fault may lie within the nodule rather than the operator.

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