Thyroid Cancer Diagnostic Algorithmic Tests

I.   The use of a thyroid cancer diagnostic algorithmic test (0026U, 0018U, 0204U, 0245U, 81546) in fine needle aspirates of thyroid nodules is considered **medically necessary** when:

A. The fine needle aspirate showed indeterminate cytologic findings, **AND**

B. Clinical and/or radiologic findings of the thyroid nodules are indeterminate of malignancy, **AND**

C. The result of the test would affect surgical decision making.

II. The use of a thyroid cancer diagnostic algorithmic test (0026U, 0018U, 0204U, 0245U, 81546) in fine needle aspirates of thyroid nodules is considered **investigational** for all other indications.

NOTES AND DEFINITIONS

1. **Thyroid nodules with indeterminate findings** include Bethesda diagnostic category III (atypia/follicular lesion of undetermined significance) or Bethesda diagnostic category IV (follicular neoplasm/suspicion for a follicular neoplasm)

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