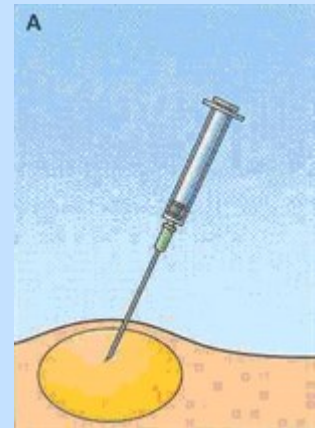


How to perform a fine needle aspiration

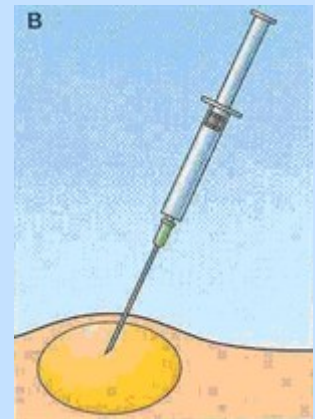
- Disinfect skin using pre-packed alcohol swabs
- Before insertion of needle wipe away any excess ultrasound jelly with tissue paper (if U/S guided)
- Perform the aspiration according to the instructions A to G

(Figure taken from Fine Needle Aspiration, (2005), 4th Edition, S. Oreell; G.F. Sterrett; and D. Whittaker; Elsevier Churchill Livingstone)

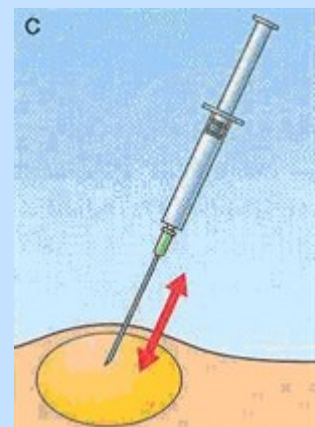
A Position needle within target tissue



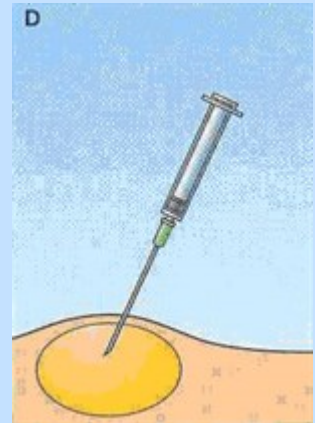
B Pull plunger to apply negative pressure



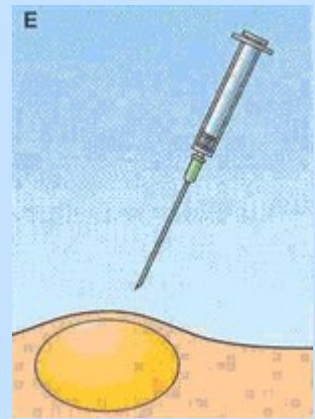
C Move needle back and forth inside target



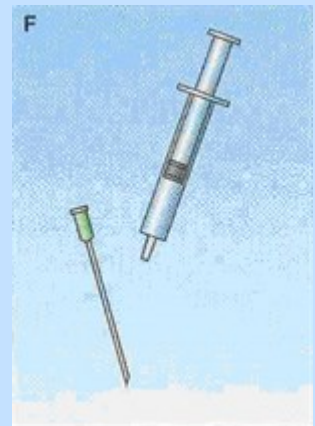
D Release negative pressure while needle remains in target tissue



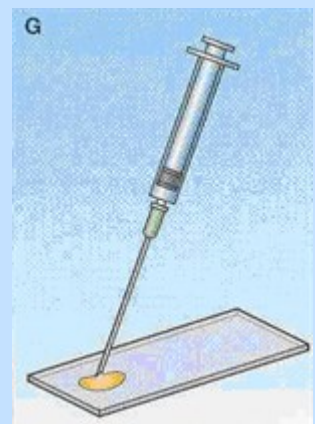
E Withdraw needle



F Detach needle and draw air into syringe



G Push a drop of sample onto microscopy slide



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