

Clinician's Brief 2025 Survey Results

What's Your Approach to Lumps & Bumps?







3 out of 20 patients with lumps and bumps will have malignancy

The goal for veterinary teams is to catch cancer as early as possible, while it's still manageable.



Your Options For Evaluating Dermal and Subcutaneous Masses





'Wait and See'

Due to financial constraints, low concern from the veterinarian, or fear of the needle, the client opts out of further diagnostics.



FNA

Standard first step today for cancer diagnosis. 60% read in-house*, meaning only 16% of lumps are sent to a reference lab for pathology. Avg cost*: \$66 in house, \$180 send out



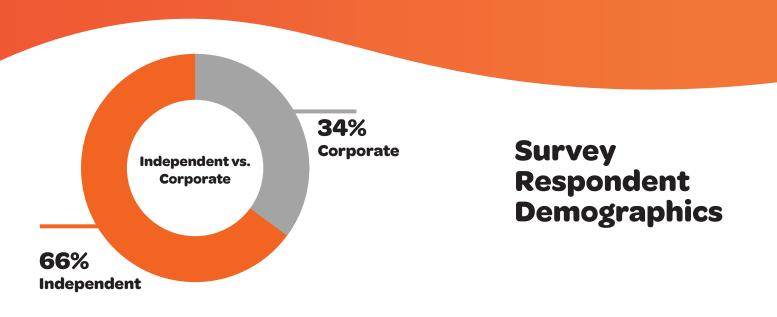
Biopsy

The gold standard for diagnosing / grading. 1 in 5 FNAs lead to biopsy*. Maximally invasive, most expensive, often with mass removal. Avg cost*: \$250 histopath, \$1000 w/ mass removal



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We asked 243, mostly general practice veterinarians: "What's Your Approach to Lumps & Bumps on Dogs?"

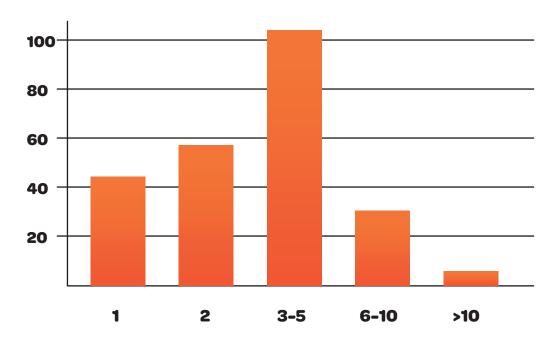


83%General Practices

7% Mobile 5%
Referral/
Specialty

4% Emergency 1% Academia

How many full-time doctors work in your practice?



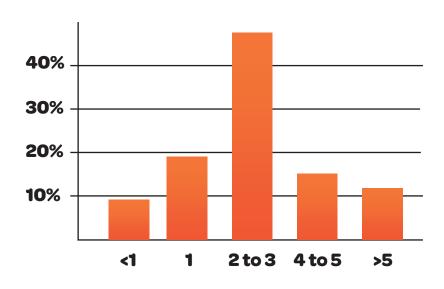


Current Diagnostic Practices

On average, how many patients with dermal or subcutaneous masses do you evaluate per day?

Each Veterinarian
Sees an Average of
2.7 Dermal and
Subcutaneous
Masses Per Day

That's 13.5 per week per veterinarian!

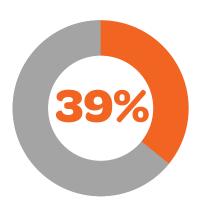




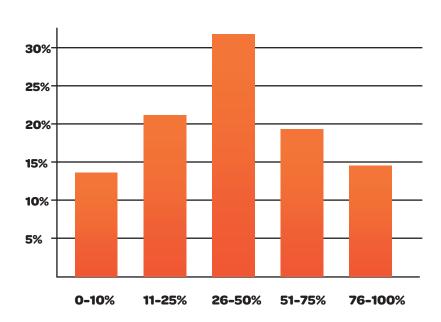


Current Diagnostic Practices

What percentage of these cases result in FNA?



of Dermal and Subcutaneous Masses are Aspirated

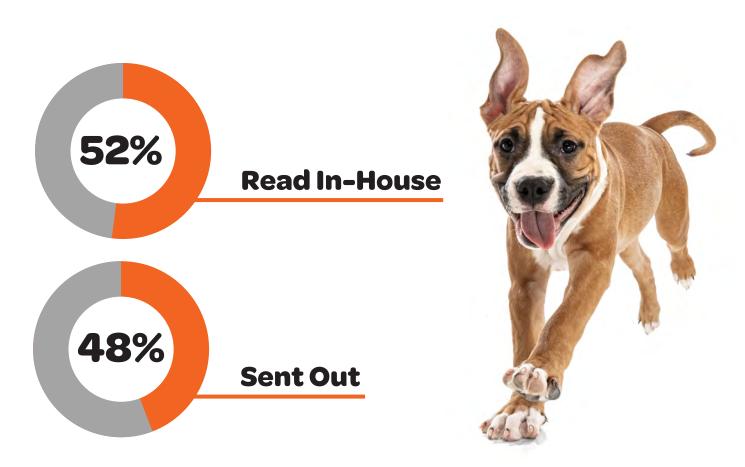






Current Diagnostic Practices

Of FNAs performed, what percent are performed in-house vs. sent to reference lab.



This means only 19% of lumps seen in practice are diagnosed by an expert pathologist.

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Current Diagnostic Practices

13.5 Masses

Seen Per Week Per Veterinarian

8

Masses Go Undiagnosed
Per Week Per Veterinarian

2.8

In-House FNAs Performed Per Week Per Veterinarian 2.7

Send-Out FNAs Performed Per Week Per Veterinarian

19% of lumps & bumps are reviewed by a pathologist

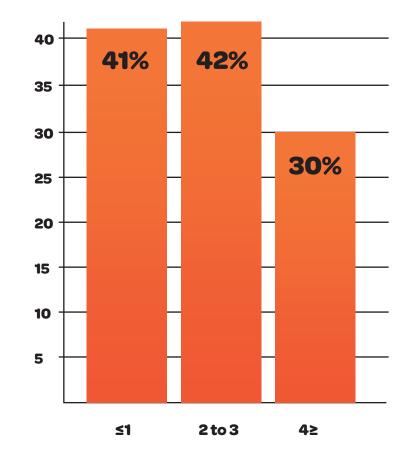
The majority of FNAs are read in-house without board-certified review



Average FNA%

As the number of lumps and bumps increases, the rate of sampling decreases

Average FNA Rate By Daily Lumps Seen



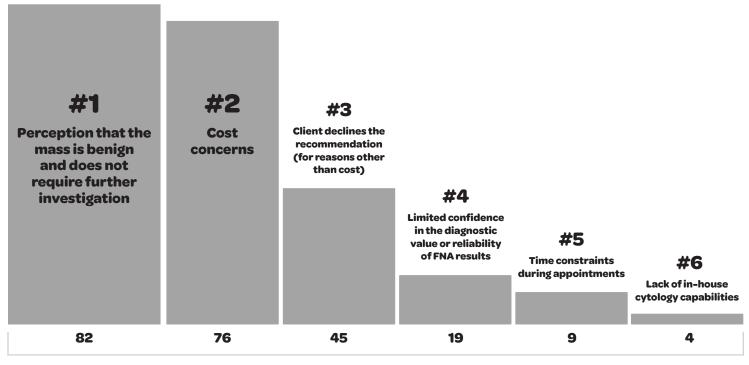
Patients With Lumps Seen Per Day

Clinics seeing 4 or more lumps per day sample nearly 25% fewer cases.

This suggests that as caseloads rise, diagnostic attention falls.



Diagnostic Barriers Identified



number of respondents who selected this as the primary reason for not aspirating



"We can never know if a mass is benign just by palpating it."

Dr. Gillian Dank, Veterinary Oncologist



"I was shocked to see the diagnostics are not being done for a large group of patients. I have seen too many cases where the "wait and see" approach has changed everything for the trajectory of that patient. If say a Mast Cell Tumor or Soft Tissue Sarcoma were caught earlier, we're talking survival times in the thousands of days, where because we waited, we're now dealing with a non-resectable tumor or a metastatic tumor"

Craig Clifford

DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology)



Webinar

Cracking the Code on Lumps & Bumps: Fast, Efficient Diagnosis in Everyday Practice

www.cliniciansbrief.com/continuing-education/syllabus/lesson/cracking-code-lumps-bumps-fast-efficient-diagnosis-everyday-practice

If only 38% of all lumps & bumps are diagnosed, what happens to the other 62%?

The risk of delayed diagnosis is high!





Decline in Quality of Life



Poorer Prognosis



When clients decline further diagnostics and choose to **'wait and see'**, it can lead to a delay in the diagnosis of malignancy.

Reputation Risk/Trust





Emotional Impact on Pet Owner and Veterinary Team



Lost Cancer Intervention Income



"Wait and see' helps absolutely no one—not the vet, not the owner, and certainly not the dog."

Dr. Gillian Dank, Veterinary Oncologist

What is the most efficient way to catch malignancy as earlyas possible?

Introducing HT Vista

A fast, cost effective and completely non-invasive tool for ensuring every lump & bump gets checked, and malignancy is detected as early as possible



The Goal of HT Vista: Don't Send Patients with Malignancy Home



60% of cases cancer is ruled out quickly



30% of cases investigate further



10% of cases requires immediate attention

	Low Risk		Moderate Risk	High Risk	
	Low Risk +Dx Alert Lipoma, Sebaceous Adenoma, Benign Epithelial	Low Risk No Dx Alert	Moderate Risk No Dx Alert	High Risk No Dx Alert	High Risk +Dx Alert MCT, Soft Tissue Sarcoma coming soon
Risk of malignancy for each group	1/200	4/200	50/200	100/200	150/200

About Diagnostics Alerts:

- Gives an indication of the type of cancer you are dealing with (with 90% Specificity)
- Only occurs at very low, or very high cancer risk levels

A tale of two waiting rooms

With HT Vista, there is a paradigm shift, where early detection of cancer leads to better medical outcomes, and strong financial results for the practice





Without HT Vista

13 X Wait and See	Undiagnosed	
FNAs	7 x \$100 = \$700	
Sx with Histopath	1 x \$1,000 = \$1,000	
Total Income	\$1,700	
Chance of delayed diagnosis	HIGH	

With HT Vista

HT Vista Scans	20 x \$50 = \$1,000
FNAs	8 x \$100 = \$800
Sx with Histopath	3 x \$1,000 = \$3,000
Total Income	\$4,800
Chance of delayed diagnosis	LOW

+3,100 / per 20 cases

According to Clinician's Brief Survey, this is 1 week for 1.5 FTE Vet Hospital

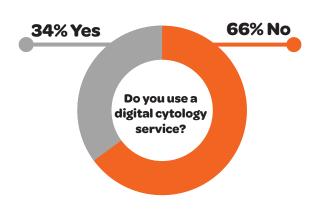
Digital Cytology Adoption

Digital Cytology is breaking down barriers to early detection - reducing wait times, minimizing skill variability, and providing rapid access to expert pathology.

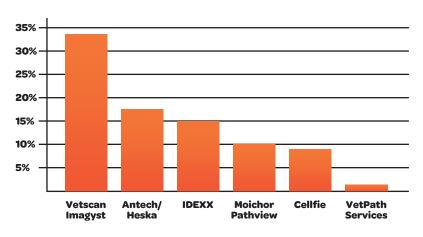
Today, suspicious masses can be diagnosed in **hours, not days.**

Status of Digital Cytology Adoption In the Veterinary Market

Together, HT Vista and Digital Cytology create a new pathway to earlier cancer detection in everyday lumps & bumps.



Those who said yes use the following services





The Bottom Line HTVista



Let us help you spot the dogs with cancer in the most efficient, cost-effective, and non-invasive way with a 40-second HT Vista scan.

- Cancer risk value provided with 90% sensitivity and 98% NPV
- A diagnostic alert is generated with 90% specificity
- Science-backed decision-making support technology
- Save lives and grow your business



Scan the code to schedule a meeting.

