

Pap Smear-GYN Cytology

ThinPrep Pap test

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Women should be counseled to avoid douches, intercourse, tampons or intravaginal medication for at least 48 hours prior to Pap test. Patient should avoid scheduling appoint during heavy menstrual bleeding. Large amounts of blood during menstruation can interfere with cytological interpretation.

- Precaution should be used to avoid lubricants with carbomer or carbopol polymers. These lubricants can interfere with the ThinPrep Pap test. Lubricants should be used sparingly and applied only to the exterior sides of the speculum blades, avoiding the tip of the speculum.
- To ensure complete evaluation of the Pap test please include pertinent clinical information such as date of last menstrual period (LMP), patient is pregnant or postpartum, presence of IUD, abnormal bleeding, gynecological surgery/procedures, previous abnormal pap tests, past or current history of neoplasm, chemotherapy or radiation.
- Label ThinPrep PreservCyt container with patient's full name, date of birth, medical record number and date of collection. Also include specimen source: cervical, cervical/vaginal, endocervical, vaginal.
- Perform a visual exam of the cervix. If excess mucus or other discharge is present, gently remove with a dry gauze pad prior to sample collection.

Endocervical Brush/ Spatula:

- Rotate plastic spatula at least 1 full turn around the cervical os and ectocervix.
- Rinse the spatula in the PreservCyt vial. Swirl vigorously 10 times. Discard the spatula.
- Insert the brush into the os until just the bottom bristles are exposed. Slowly rotate 1/4 to 1/2 turn in one direction only. DO NOT OVER ROTATE.
- Quickly Rinse the brush by rotating and pushing it against the vial wall 10 times; vigorously swirl the brush again. Discard the brush.

Broom-Like Device Protocol:

- Insert the central bristles into the endocervical canal; allow the shorter bristles to fully contact the ectocervix.
- Push gently and fully rotate the broom CLOCKWISE 3-5 times.
- Rinse the broom in the vial. Push the broom against the bottom of the vial 10 times. Swirl boom vigorously to release further material.
- Discard collection device.
- Tighten the cap on the ThinPrep vial so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.
- All Cytology specimens must be accompanied by a requisition and must include the patient's full name, date of birth, medical record number, source of specimen, screening or diagnostic, date of collection, pertinent patient history, and ordering physician name.