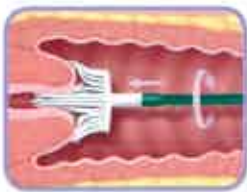




Liquid-Based Cytology* Pap Test Reference Guide

Instructions for specimen collection



Obtain an adequate sample from the cervix using a Cervex-Brush (broom-like device). If desired, the use of lukewarm water to warm and lubricate the speculum is preferred. Only if needed, application of water-soluble carbomer-free gel lubricant* should be done sparingly with care to avoid the tip of the speculum. When a lubricant is used in excess, it can adversely affect the Pap sample. Lubricants containing carbomer or carbopol polymers (thickening agents) interfere with the Pap test when found in the sample vial. Insert the central bristles of the brush into the endocervical canal deep enough to allow the shorter bristles to fully contact the ectocervix. Push gently, and rotate the brush 360° in a clockwise direction 5 times.



Rinse the Cervex-Brush immediately into the solution vial by pushing it into the bottom of the vial 10 times, forcing the bristles apart. As a final step, swirl the brush vigorously to further release material. Visually inspect the Cervex-Brush to ensure that no material remains attached. Discard the collection device. Do not leave the head of the Cervex-Brush in the vial.



Tighten the cap so that the black torque line on the cap passes the black torque line on the vial. Do not over-tighten.



Record patient ID on the vial as required by local regulations.
The patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.



Place the vial and requisition in a specimen bag for transportation to the laboratory.

Note:

*This reference guide only applies for the specimen collection of ThinPrep Pap tests.

Please do not apply other liquid-based cytology specimen collection methods when sending ThinPrep Pap test specimens to the laboratory for processing.

*If unsure whether the lubricant you are using is a water-soluble carbomer-free gel lubricant, please contact our call centre for confirmation.

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