

GYNOCOLOGICAL CYTOLOGY (PAP TEST) COLLECTION GUIDE

ThinPrep Pap Test
 (Liquid-based)

- This test requires a ThinPrep Pap Test collection kit, consisting of a ThinPrep vial containing PreservCyt Solution and either a broom collection device or an endocervical brush and spatula.
- Obtain Pap Test specimen prior to pelvic examination.
- Use a moistened speculum (saline or water is preferred).
- The use of lubricant is not recommended and should only be used if necessary.
 - When necessary, sparingly apply **carbomer-free** lubricant on the exterior of the speculum blades.
 - If additional lubricant is necessary due to patient discomfort or the use of a plastic speculum, sparingly apply a thin layer on the speculum's surface, avoiding the tip.
 - Do not use an excessive amount of lubricant.
 - **Excessive lubricant or use of lubricant containing carbomer or carbopol polymers may interfere with obtaining a representative sample and compromise results.**
 - Acceptable lubricants are as follows.
 - Pap Test Lubricating Jelly – Aseptic Control Products
 - Surgilube Surgical Lubricant – HR Pharmaceuticals
 - K-Y Jelly (Physician Formula) – Johnson & Johnson
 - Surgel – Ulmer Pharmaceutical
 - Astroglide (Physician Formula) – BioFilm, Inc.
- Gently remove excess mucus, discharge, or inflammatory exudate before obtaining sample.
 - Excess mucus/discharge/inflammatory exudate is essentially devoid of meaningful cellular material and may compromise results.
- Visualize cervix and obtain an adequate sampling using a broom collection device or an endocervical brush and spatula.
 - Broom Device Protocol
 - Insert the central bristles of the broom into the endocervical canal deep enough to allow the short bristles to fully contact the ectocervix.
 - Push gently and rotate the broom in a clockwise direction five times.
 - Rinse the broom as quickly as possible into the PreservCyt Solution by pushing the broom into the bottom of the vial 10 times, forcing the bristles apart.
 - As a final step, swirl the broom vigorously to further release material.
 - Discard the broom – do not break off into vial.
 - Endocervical Brush/Spatula Protocol
 - Obtain an adequate sampling from the ectocervix using a plastic spatula.
 - Rinse the spatula as quickly as possible into the PreservCyt Solution by swirling the spatula vigorously in the vial 10 times.
 - Discard the spatula – do not break off into vial.
 - Insert the brush into the cervix until only the bottom most fibers are exposed.
 - Slowly rotate ¼ or ½ turn in one direction.
 - Do not over-rotate.
 - Rinse the brush as quickly as possible into the PreservCyt Solution by rotating in the solution 10 times while pushing against the vial wall.
 - Swirl the brush vigorously to further release material.
 - Discard the brush – do not break off brush into vial.