

Quick Reference Guide

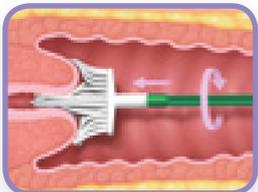
ThinPrep® Pap Test Instructions for specimen collection

ThinPrep Pap Test Cervex-Brush® protocol

- Prepare all equipment before starting the procedure.
- Note the expiry date on the sample collection vial is in the following format (YYYY-MM-DD).
- All vials must have a minimum of 42 days viability.
- Ensure the entire plastic seal is removed from the lid of the vial and discarded.
- Complete patient details on both the cervical screening form and the vial. Specimens may be returned if details are missing from the vial.
- Remove the lid from the vial before taking the sample.
- If necessary, a small amount of water-soluble carbomer-free lubricant should be applied sparingly to the outer portion of the speculum with great care to avoid the tip as it may interfere with the ThinPrep Pap Test process.



Record the patient's Name and DOB on the vial. Addressograph may be used.



Obtain an adequate sample from the cervix using a Cervex-Brush (broom-like device). If required, apply a pea sized amount of water soluble carbomer-free gel lubricant to the posterior blade of the speculum. 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 Rovers® Cervex-Brush immediately into the PreservCyt® 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 Rovers Cervex-Brush to ensure that no material remains attached. Discard the collection device. **Do not leave the head of the Rovers 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.** Please remember to remove **the unique peel-off patient identifier** from the vial and attach to the cervical screening form.



Place the vial and the corresponding cervical screening form in the Special Medical Packaging provided.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if the vial is knocked over?

If the vial is knocked over after the sample has been taken, look to see if any fluid still remains in the vial. If about one third of the fluid still remains in the vial, then the vial can still be sent to the lab for processing. Make a note on the request form to inform the laboratory of the sample spillage. Do not 'top up' the vial from a new vial as the lab will make any necessary level adjustments.

Can I take a ThinPrep sample if the patient is menstruating?

No. Peri-menstrual samples should be avoided.

Can I use the Rovers Cervex-Brush for vault samples?

Yes. You can use the Rovers Cervex-Brush to take vault samples. The device should be applied by using a sweeping action.

Can I use the Rovers Cervex-Brush if there is an extensive ectropion area?

Yes. You can use the Rovers Cervex-Brush when there is an extensive ectropion area. Collect the sample using a circular sweeping action.

Can I use a lubricant?

If necessary a pea sized amount of water-soluble carbomer-free lubricant should be applied sparingly to the outer portion of the speculum with great care to avoid the tip as it may interfere with the ThinPrep Pap Test process.

Do's

- Do gently remove any excessive mucus before sampling
- Do only use the Rovers Cervex-Brush provided
- Do rotate the Rovers Cervex-Brush 5 times in a clockwise direction through 360°
- Do insert the Rovers Cervex-Brush device immediately into the 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 Rovers Cervex-Brush device to ensure that no material remains attached. Discard the collection device
- Do replace the lid and tighten so that the black torque line on the cap passes the black torque line on the vial to avoid leakage
- Do keep the unlabelled portion of the sample vial free of labels so that the contents can be seen
- Do send samples to the laboratory within 3 working days

Don'ts

- Do not routinely clean the cervix or take a cervical swab before taking a cervical sample
- Do not use non water-soluble lubricants containing carbomers
- Do not leave the Cervex-Brush sitting in the vial whilst dealing with the patient
- Do not over tighten the lid onto the vial
- Do not detach the head of the Rovers Cervex-Brush into the vial
- Do not place multiple labels on the outside of the vial
- Do not apply any physician bar-coded labels vertically on the vial, apply them horizontally
- Do not apply any labels over the lid of the container
- Do not use vials that do not have a minimum of 42 days viability
- Do not delay the sending of the vials to the laboratory

1. Cervicovaginal Cytology Based on the Papanicolaou Technique; Approved Guideline – Third Edition (Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute GP15-A3).
2. Hologic internal study, data on file.

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