ThinPrep® Collection Guide

The ThinPrep Pap test can be collected with two different devices: a broom-like device or an endocervical brush/spatula.

Correct collection is critical to ensure accurate test results. If you have questions about collecting for ThinPrep testing or would like to request additional training, please contact your account representative.

Broom-Like Device Protocol

**STEP ONE**

Collect with Broom

Obtain an adequate sample from the cervix using the broom-like device. Insert the central bristles of the broom into the endocervical canal deep enough to allow the shorter bristles to fully contact the ectocervix. Hold the stem between the thumb and forefinger. Maintain gentle pressure and rotate the broom five times in a clockwise direction.

**STEP TWO**

Swirl Broom in ThinPrep Vial

Rinse the broom as quickly as possible into the vial 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 entire broom.

**STEP THREE**

Label and Send

Tighten the vial cap so the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial. Label the vial with two patient identifiers (full name and date-of-birth or laboratory order number), physician name and date. Place into a specimen bag with laboratory order.

*Note: Tests for HPV, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea may be ordered from the same specimen collected in the ThinPrep vial.*

**HOW TO ORDER SUPPLIES**

Fax supply order form to 866-511-5963 or call Client Services at 800-826-3616.

- Supply #98306, ThinPrep Kit (Vials & Brooms)
- Supply #98304, ThinPrep Brooms only
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Endocervical Brush/Spatula Protocol

**STEP ONE**
Collect with Spatula
Select contoured end of the plastic spatula and rotate 360 degrees around the entire exocervix while maintaining tight contact with exocervical surface. Remove spatula.

**STEP TWO**
Swirl Spatula in ThinPrep Vial
Rinse the spatula as quickly as possible into the vial solution by swirling the spatula vigorously in the vial 10 times. Discard entire spatula.

**STEP THREE**
Collect with Brush
Obtain an adequate sample from the endocervix using an endocervical brush device. Insert the brush into the cervix until only the bottom-most fibers remain exposed. Slowly rotate ¼ - ½ turn in one direction. Do not over-rotate.

**STEP FOUR**
Swirl Brush in Vial
Rinse the brush as quickly as possible in the vial solution by rotating the device in the solution 10 times while pushing against the PreservCyt vial wall. Swirl the brush vigorously to further release material. Discard entire brush.

**STEP FIVE**
Label and Send
Tighten the vial cap so the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial. Label the vial with two patient identifiers (first and last name with date-of-birth or laboratory order number), physician name and date. Place into a specimen bag with laboratory order.

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