1. **Collect** adequate sample using a moistened Dacron® swab or cytobrush1 following published collection techniques.2

2. **Rinse** swab/brush as quickly as possible in the PreservCyt® solution by rotating the device in the solution 10 times while pushing against the PreservCyt vial wall. Swirl the device vigorously to further release material. Discard the device.

3. **Tighten** the cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.

4. **Record** the patient’s name and ID number on the vial.

5. **Record** the patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.

6. **Place** the vial and requisition in a specimen bag for transport to the laboratory.

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2 Bean, SM, Chhieng, DC, Anal-Rectal Cytology: A Review. Diagnostic Cytopathology 2009; Vol 38 No 7, 538-546

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Sample Processing

1. Ensure the specimen has been allowed to stand in PreservCyt® solution at least 15 minutes after collection.

2. Gently shake the PreservCyt sample vial to mix the contents.

3. Using Non-Gyn filters, run on ThinPrep® 2000 processor with sequence 2, or on the ThinPrep 5000 with the Non-Gyn sequence. Fix, stain, and evaluate.

   Refer to the ThinPrep processor operator’s manual for detailed instrument and specimen preparation instructions.