ThinPrep® anal cytology specimen collection

Quick reference guide

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

2. Rinse swab or 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’s information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.

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


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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.


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

Squamous Cell Carcinoma 40X

LSIL 40X

HSIL 60X

Negative 20X