



Applicability: Client resource document for all Health Care Providers submitting ThinPrep® Anal Cytology specimens to Alberta Precision Laboratories for testing/reporting.



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.

1. Denigh, TM, Belding, GG, Anal-Rectal Cytology: The Bethesda System for Reporting Cervical Cytology, 2004, 2nd Edition, 639-675.

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

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References:

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