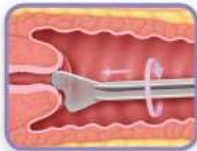**Applicability:** Client resource document for all Health Care Providers submitting ThinPrep® Gynecological Pap specimens to Alberta Precision Laboratories for testing/reporting.

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# Protocol: endocervical brush/spatula

Quick reference guide

Obtain an adequate sample from the ectocervix using a plastic spatula. If desired, use lukewarm water to warm and lubricate the speculum. Apply water-soluble, carbomer-free gel lubricant sparingly to the posterior blade of the speculum if necessary.[1,2] Select the contoured end of the plastic spatula and rotate it 360 degrees around the entire ectocervix, while maintaining tight contact with ectocervical surface.

Rinse the spatula as quickly as possible into the PreservCyt® Solution vial by swirling the spatula **vigorously** in the vial 10 times. Discard the spatula.
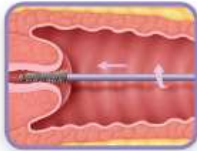
Obtain an adequate sampling from the endocervix using an endocervical brush device. Insert the brush into the cervix until only the bottom-most fibers are exposed. Slowly rotate 1/4 or 1/2 turn in one direction. **DO NOT OVER-ROTATE THE BRUSH.**

Rinse the brush as soon as possible in the PreservCyt Solution by rotating the device in the solution 10 times while pushing it against the PreservCyt vial wall. Swirl the brush **vigorously** to further release material. Discard the brush.

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

Record the patient's name and ID number on the vial.
Record the patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.

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

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References:
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