

Date: July 28, 2016
To: North Zone, Central Zone & Edmonton Zone: Physicians, Nursing Staff and Laboratories
From: DynaLIFE_{Dx}
Re: Pap Test Collection Vial Change

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Key Messages:

- DynaLIFE_{Dx} is transitioning to a new collection vial for gynecological cytology specimens for the Pap test. The new vial supports the implementation of state-of-the-art improved technology in our Cytology Department.
- The old collection vials will be **discontinued effective August 15, 2016**.
- The new vial requires slight changes in the way specimens will be collected.

Why this is important:

- In August, DynaLIFE_{Dx} will be implementing brand new automation in our Cytology department for processing Pap requests. This new technology offers seamless specimen handling, enhanced sampling and positive specimen identification throughout our workflow, allowing for better quality and safety.
- In preparation for this transition, DynaLIFE_{Dx} began sending out the new Pap test collection vials in March 2016, however, some locations may still be using up their inventory of the old vials.
- **The old collection vials will not work on the new instrumentation and must be replaced with the new vials by August 15, 2016.** The new vials have 3 raised prongs on the lid that are not on the old vials.
- The collection process for the new vials has also changed. The new vials contain a plastic insert to assist in safely and cleanly removing the collection device head after the specimen has been deposited in the container.
- Instructions for collection, including videos, are available on our website at <http://www.dynalifedx.com>
- All stock orders for Pap collection kits will contain a specimen collection instruction card for easy reference.

Action Required:

- Review your current stock of Pap collection vials and order replacement vials ASAP.
- Discontinue using the old collection vial on August 15, 2016
- Return all old vials remaining at your site to DynaLIFE_{Dx} on August 15, 2016
- Review the new Pap test collection process (instruction card included with your re-order)

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to DynaLIFE_{Dx} at 1-800-661-9876 or 780-451-3702:

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