



CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

PROCEDURE

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TITLE:	LAB-SPC-CYT-08.06 ThinPrep Pap Smear Proper Collection-PRO		
ISSUED BY:	Cytotechnologist	REFERENCE #:	LAB-SPC-CYT-08.06-PRO
APPROVED BY:	Lab Director	EFFECTIVE DATE:	2003-07-01

SCOPE: All potential collectors and submitters of Pap tests to CMC laboratory for cytologic testing.

I) **PROCEDURE:**

II) Pap test should be taken before any other exam or any other procedures:

- A) Instruct patient not to douche or use any type of lubricant, and refrain from intercourse for 24 hours prior to obtaining the smear.
- B) Use speculum lubricated only with warm water.
- C) Cervix and adjacent vagina should be well visualized.

III) Using the Boom-Like Device Protocol:

- A) Obtain an adequate sampling from the cervix using a broom-like device. Insert the central bristles of the broom into the endocervical canal deep enough to allow the shorter bristles to fully contact the exocervix. Push gently, and rotate the broom in a clockwise direction five times.
- B) Rinse the broom as quickly as possible into the PreservCyt Solution vial by pushing the broom into the bottom of the vial 10 times, forcing the bristles apart. As a final step, swirl the broom vigorously to further release material. Discard the collection device.

IV) Using the Endocervical Brush/Spatula Protocol:

- A) Obtain an adequate sampling from the exocervix using a plastic spatula.
- B) 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.
- C) Obtain an adequate sampling from the endocervix using an endocervical brush device. Insert brush into cervix until only the bottom-most fibers are exposed. Slowly rotate $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ turn in one direction. DO NOT OVER-ROTATE.
- D) Rinse the 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 brush vigorously to further release material. Discard the brush.

V) After collection utilizing either protocol:

- A) Tighten the cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.
- B) The specimen container should be labeled per hospital policy and sent to cytology.

*Anal Paps should be submitted with a Non-gyn lab requisition form.



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RECORDS: Gyn requisition form: EHR

REFERENCE STANDARDS: CAP GEN.40000; GEN.40100; GEN.40016; GEN.40032; GEN.40050;
GEN.40100

REVISION/REVIEW HISTORY:

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