

# Quick Reference Guide

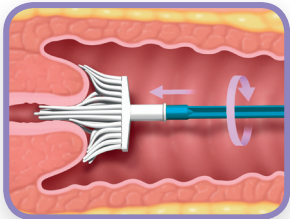
## ThinPrep® Pap Test Instructions for direct to vial specimen collection

### ThinPrep Pap Test Cervical Sampler Broom protocol

- Prepare all equipment before starting the procedure.
- Note expiry date on sample collection vial. Do not use expired vials.
- Ensure the entire plastic seal is removed from the lid of the vial and discarded.
- Remove the lid from the vial before taking the sample.
- If lubrication of the speculum is required, please use warm water.  
The use of lubricant may interfere with pathology tests. However, if necessary a small amount of water-soluble carbomer-free lubricant should be applied sparingly to the outer portion of the speculum.
- An endocervical brush may also be used in combination with the cervical sampler at the discretion of the practitioner. Both sampling devices should be rinsed in the same patient vial.



**Record** the patient's full name and date of birth on the vial as required by local regulations. The patient information and medical history should be recorded on the pathology request form.



**Obtain** an adequate sample from the transformation zone of the cervix using a cervical sampler (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 ectocervix. **Push gently, and rotate the brush 360° in a clockwise direction 3-5 times.**



**Rinse** the cervical sampler immediately into the vial by **pushing it into the bottom of the vial 10 times**, forcing the bristles apart. As a final step, swirl the brush **vigorously** to further release material. Visually inspect the cervical sampler to ensure that no material remains attached. Discard the collection device.

**Do not leave the head of the cervical sampler in the vial.**



**Tighten** the cap so that the **black torque line on the cap passes the black torque line on the vial. Do not over-tighten.** Place the vial and pathology request form in a specimen bag for transportation to the laboratory.

Note: Certain molecular tests, such as HPV, CT/GC, TV, M.gen, can be performed from the same material collected for the ThinPrep Pap Test. Contact your laboratory for more information.

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