

# SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

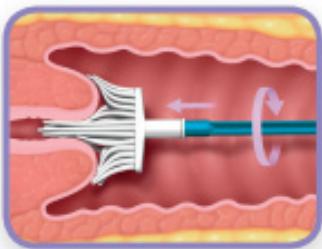
## ThinPrep® Pap Specimen

### Option 1

ThinPrep® sample collection with mop/broom device



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



2. 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.



3. 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.**



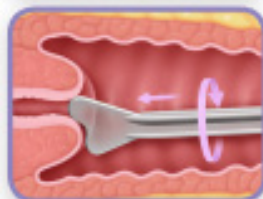
4. Tighten the cap so that the black torque line on the cap passes the black torque line on the vial. **Do not over-tighten.** Place the vial and pathology request form in a specimen bag for transportation to the laboratory.

### Option 2

ThinPrep® sample collection with brush/spatula



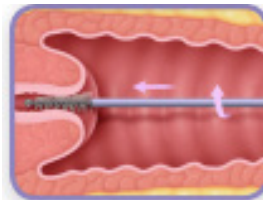
1. Record the patient's name and ID number on the vial, and the patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.



2. Obtain an adequate sample from the ectocervix using a plastic spatula. Select the contoured end of the plastic spatula and rotate it 360° in a clockwise direction around the entire ectocervix, while maintaining tight contact with the ectocervical surface.



3. Rinse the spatula as quickly as possible into the vial by swirling the spatula **vigorously** in the vial 10 times. Discard the plastic spatula.



4. Obtain an adequate sampling from the endocervix using an endocervical brush device. Insert the Cytobrush into the endocervical canal until only the bottom-most bristles are exposed. Slowly rotate 1/4 or 1/2 turn in one direction. **Do not over rotate the brush.**



5. Rinse the endocervical brush immediately in the same vial by rotating the device in the solution 10 times while pushing it against the vial wall. As a final step, swirl the brush **vigorously** to further release material. Discard the brush.



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