



1. **Lubricant jellies should not be used to lubricate the speculum** – Even though lubricant jellies are water soluble, excessive amounts of jelly may compromise the test and possibly lead to an unsatisfactory result. If lubricant is necessary due to patient discomfort we recommend K-Y Lubricating Jelly®, Surgilube®, Astroglide® and Crystelle®. It should be applied to the speculum directly using as little as needed to create a thin film on the speculum's surface avoiding the tip. Lubricant on the cervix may interfere with obtaining a representative cervical sample or cause artifact in the alcohol based transport medium.
2. Prepare the cervix by removing any excess mucous and specifically by blotting the mucous plug at the entrance to the cervix.
3. Collect sample using the broom-like device;
 - a) Insert the central bristles of the broom into the endocervical canal deep enough to allow the shorter bristles to fully contact the ectocervix.
 - b) Push gently, and rotate the broom in a clockwise direction **five** times.
4. Rinse the broom as quickly as possible into the vial by pushing the broom into the bottom of the vial 10 times, forcing the bristles apart.
5. As a final step, swirl the broom vigorously to further release material
6. Tighten the cap so the black markings on the cap and vial are past each other.
7. **Required** – label both the vial and the requisition with at least two unique patient identifiers.
8. If you require further instruction please call the tests manufacturer, Cytyc at 1-888-844-6773, 8:30-5:30 EST.
9. Please note that during the study initial period, the liquid based Pap turnaround time will be approximately 2 weeks longer than the current conventional Pap turnaround time due to time needed for staff training and implementation of new operational

processes. Please contact Jane Lo, Cervical Cancer Screening Laboratory at 604-877-6000 extension 4907 if you have any questions.

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