

GenPap SurePath Collection Instructions



Always use good sampling techniques when collecting specimens. Poor sample collection techniques will produce inadequate preparations.

Specimen Collection Preparation

- Speculum can be prepared for collection with lukewarm water or water-soluble gel lubricant (lubricant should not be used in excessive amounts in order to reduce the risk of unsatisfactory results)
- Excess mucus or other discharge should be removed with a cotton swab as it is devoid of meaningful cellular material
- Do not apply saline or acetic acid prior to collecting the sample
- The speculum should be either disposable or adequately sterilized
- When using a SurePath vial, gynecologic specimen should be collected using an endocervical spatula and brush or a broom-type sampling device with detachable head(s).

Preparing the Patient

- For 48 hours prior to the exam advise patients to¹:
 - Refrain from sexual intercourse
 - Avoid vaginal medication, personal lubricants, vaginal contraceptives, and douches
- Avoid scheduling the appointment during menses.

Preparing Samples

Break Tip of Collection Device	Place Tip in Sample Cup
	<p>PLACE THE TIP OF THE DEVICE IN VIAL</p> 

It is important to obtain a specimen that is not obscured by blood, mucus, inflammatory exudate or lubricant.

Specimen Collection

Pap Smear Collection Protocol

(Cervical Sample - should be collected with either a spatula and a brush or a broom-like device)

Spatula and Brush Collection Devices with Detachable Heads

- 1A. Insert the contoured end of the Pap Perfect® plastic spatula and rotate 360° around the entire exocervix.
- 2A. **SNAP THE DEVICE HANDLE AND DROP THE DETACHABLE HEAD OF THE DEVICE INTO THE SUREPATH™ VIAL.**
- 3A. Place cap on vial; **do not tighten, go to Step 1B.**
- 1B. Insert Cytobrush® Plus GT into the endocervix until only the bottom-most bristles are exposed at the os. Slowly rotate 1/4 to 1/2 turn in one direction. To reduce unnecessary bleeding, do not over-rotate brush.
- 2B. **SNAP THE DEVICE HANDLE AND DROP THE DETACHABLE HEAD OF THE DEVICE INTO THE SUREPATH™ VIAL.**
- 3B. Place the cap on the vial and tighten. Send the SurePath™ vial to the lab for processing.

Broom-Type Device with Detachable Head

1. Collect the sample by inserting the Rovers Cervex-Brush® into the endocervical canal. Rotate brush five times in a clockwise direction.
2. **SNAP THE DEVICE HANDLE AND DROP THE DETACHABLE HEAD OF THE DEVICE INTO THE SUREPATH™ VIAL.**
3. Place the cap on the vial and tighten. Send the SurePath™ vial to the lab for processing.

* Contraindication: The Cervex-Brush® (broom type device) should not be used on patients after the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

STI Protocol (Vaginal Sample)

After obtaining Pap sample, please use a sterile polyester tipped swab to isolate organisms from the vagina.

1. Obtain an adequate sampling from vagina using a sterile polyester tipped swab.
2. Rinse the swab as quickly as possible into the SurePath vial **DISCARD THE SWAB.**

STI Lesion Protocol (Lesion Sample)

If an STI Lesion Profile is ordered with a Pap and/or vaginal STI sample, a separate SurePath vial in which to collect the STI lesion sample is needed.

DO NOT put the STI lesion sample in the vial with the Pap or with the STI vaginal sample. When taking sample from a lesion, please use the following instructions:

1. Vesicles/pustules should be unroofed. Vigorously swab the base of the lesion with a sterile polyester tipped swab.
2. If an ulcer is being tested, squeeze the lesion 3 or 4 times then vigorously rub the base of the ulcer with a sterile polyester tipped swab.
3. If the lesion is crusted, clean it first with a sterile saline solution and vigorously rub with a sterile polyester tipped swab.
4. Swirl the swab vigorously in the SurePath solution. **DISCARD THE SWAB.**
5. Tighten the cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.
6. Record the patient's name and ID number on the vial, and the patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.
7. Place the vial and requisition in a specimen bag for transport to the laboratory.

LEAVE THE TIP OF THE BRUSH, SPATULA OR BROOM IN THE VIAL
DISCARD THE SWAB AFTER COLLECTING STI VAGINAL OR LESION SAMPLE

