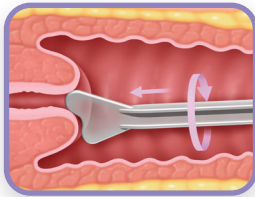


# Protocol: endocervical brush/spatula

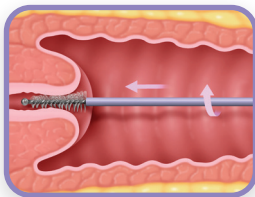
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**Obtain** an adequate sample from the ectocervix using a plastic spatula. If desired, use lukewarm water to warm and lubricate the speculum. Apply water-soluble, carbomer-free gel lubricant sparingly to the posterior blade of the speculum if necessary.<sup>1,2</sup> Select the contoured end of the plastic spatula and rotate it 360 degrees around the entire ectocervix, while maintaining tight contact with ectocervical surface.



**Rinse** the spatula as quickly as possible into the PreservCyt<sup>®</sup> Solution vial by swirling the spatula **vigorously** in the vial 10 times. Discard the spatula.



**Obtain** an adequate sampling from the endocervix using an endocervical brush device. Insert the brush into the cervix until only the bottom-most fibers are exposed. Slowly rotate 1/4 or 1/2 turn in one direction. **DO NOT OVER-ROTATE THE BRUSH.**



**Rinse** the brush as soon as possible in the PreservCyt Solution by rotating the device in the solution 10 times while pushing it against the PreservCyt vial wall. Swirl the brush **vigorously** to further release material. Discard the brush.



**Tighten** the cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.



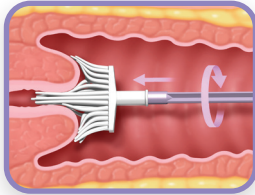
**Record** the patient's name and ID number on the vial.  
**Record** the patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.



**Place** the vial and requisition in a specimen bag for transport to the laboratory.

# Protocol: broom-like device

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**Obtain** an adequate sampling from the cervix using a broom-like device. If desired, use lukewarm water to warm and lubricate the speculum. Apply water-soluble, carbomer-free gel lubricant sparingly to the posterior blade of the speculum if necessary.<sup>1,2</sup> 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 broom in a clockwise direction for five complete, 360 degree turns.



**Rinse** the broom as quickly as possible into the PreservCyt<sup>®</sup> Solution vial by pushing the broom into the bottom of the vial 10 times, forcing the bristles apart. Swirl the broom **vigorously** to further release material. Do not leave the head of the broom in the vial. Discard the collection device.



**Tighten** the cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.



**Record** the patient's name and ID number on the vial.

**Record** the patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.



**Place** the vial and requisition in a specimen bag for transport to the laboratory.

**Refer to the instructions provided with the collection device for warnings, contraindications, and limitations associated with specimen collection.**

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