ThinPrep Pap Test Plastic Spatula and Endocervical Brush 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.
- Do not use an endocervical brush during pregnancy
- Do not use an endocervical brush in isolation

**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 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 ectocervical surface.

**Rinse** the plastic spatula immediately into the vial by swirling the spatula **vigorously** in the vial 10 times. Discard the plastic spatula.

**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.**

**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.

**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.

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.