HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)-DNA COLLECTION IN SUREPATH – ANAL/RECTAL SAMPLE

NOTE:

HPV TESTING IS NOT FUNDED BY MOHLTC Patient payment is required

Specimen Anatomic Source

Anal/rectal collected as Pap in SurePath preservative. Other preservatives will not be accepted.

NOTE:

Anal/rectal HPV test can be ordered at the patient's request, on the same anal/rectal Pap sample that was submitted within 30 days of collection. Filled requisition can be faxed to Cytology Customer Service at Fax: 416-213-4161

For HPV Cervical/Endocervical refer to:

www.lifelabs.com/healthcare-providers/requisition & collection instructions



Specimen Labeling

All specimens should be clearly labeled **BEFORE** being sent to the laboratory for testing, to ensure correct identification of the patient and sample.

All specimens/containers must be labeled with:

- The patient's full name (printed in the same format as patient's health card)
- A second identifier such as date of birth or health card number
- It is recommended that the specimen container also be labeled with specimen source (for non-gynecologic samples)

Specimen/container labeling options:

- Computer printed label <u>affixed to the side of the sample vial</u>.
- Clearly printed handwritten information on the sample vial label using indelible ink





Cytology Requisition Information:

All specimens must be submitted for testing with a completed Cytology & HPV Testing Requisition. The following information must be provided in a **legible format**:

- 1. The submitting client information (full name, address and billing number).
- 2. Complete the copy to physician information (**full name and address** must be provided).
- Full name of patient (in the same format as patient health card. Health Card Number and Date of birth. Patient address and phone number must be provided for billing purposes
- 4. Date of collection. Site and specimen collection method (e.g. Dacron swab). Provide any pertinent clinical information if anal/rectal Pap is also requested
- 5. Select the type of HPV testing to be performed.
- 6. The specimen collection date.
- 7. Sign to authorize the request.
- 8. Inform the patient the laboratory will require payment for HPV testing and ask the patient to sign the requisition.

Missing physician and patient signatures will delay processing the request.



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Specimen Handling and Transportation:

- Each specimen must be placed into a polybag.
- A completed Cytology & HPV Testing Requisition must accompany each specimen
- Specimens requiring expedited service must be clearly marked as such by the health care provider taking the sample. The typical designation is: ASAP.
- For optimal results transport the specimens to the laboratory as soon as possible after collection.

Collection Kit Information:

Kit components are ordered separately:

- Liquid based collection vial with 10mL of cytology preservative (BD SurePath™ Preservative Fluid)
- 2. Polybag
- 3. Cytology requisition (item # 10136378)
- 4. Dacron swab (for Dacron swab contact the LifeLabs Cytology Customer Service at 1-877-849-3637 ext 46802) Pap Brush (item # 10092169).





CAUTION: SurePath® Preservative Fluid contains an aqueous solution of denatured ethanol and small amounts of methanol and isopropanol. Do not ingest. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately. Give plenty of water to drink. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If inhaled, remove person to fresh air. In case of contact, immediately flush skin with water; immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Flammable; keep away from heat, sparks & open flame. Avoid contact with eyes.



Patient Preparation for Anal Pap:

NOTE: Patient should not douche or have an enema or insert anything into their anus for 24 hours prior to an anal cytology exam.

Collection Instructions:

NOTE: A Dacron swab is the recommended collection device for Anal Paps. It is important not to use a cotton swab, as cells tend to cling to cotton and do not release easily into cytology collection fluids. **Dacron swabs must be moistened with water, not lubricant.**

Lubricants should not be used prior to obtaining a cytology sample because the lubricant may interfere with the processing and interpretation of the sample.

Collection Procedure:

- 1. Obtain the sample with the patient lying on their left side.
- 2. Retract the buttocks to visualize the anal opening and insert a moistened Dacron swab approximately 1.5 to 2 inches into the anus, feeling it pass through the internal sphincter to ensure that the sample is obtained from the junction of the anus and rectum, where most of the <u>HPV</u>-related lesions are found. This area is slightly above the region that corresponds anatomically to the dentate line.
- 3. Rotate 360 degrees applying a firm lateral pressure to the end of the swab, such that it is bowed slightly and then slowly withdraw over a period of 15 to 30 seconds from the anus, continuing to rotate the swab in a circular fashion. The lateral pressure ensures that the mucosal surface, rather than rectal contents are sampled.
- 4. Place the swab in a SurePath vial and vigorously agitate to disperse the cells for liquid based cytology.
- 5. Discard the swab.
- 6. Screw the cap on the specimen container and securely tighten.

REFERENCE: https://analcancerinfo.ucsf.edu/obtaining-specimen-anal-cytology

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