



Health Care Provider Bulletin

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USE OF CYTOLOGY BAGS FOR CYTOLOGY SPECIMENS

Dear Health Care Providers,

Recently, there has been a significant increase in the number of Cytology/OCSP specimens received in dedicated Histology specimen collection bags. This bulletin serves as reminder to ensure that specimens for Histology are placed in specimen collection bags that are labelled with **HISTOLOGY SPECIMEN** and that Cytology/OCSP specimens are placed in the clear plastic collection bags. Please refer to the images in the table below.

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| <p>Histology Specimen Collection Bag</p> <p><i>Plastic bag labelled with red Biohazard and "HISTOLOGY SPECIMEN"</i></p> |  |
| <p>Cytology/OCSP Specimen Collection Bag</p> <p><i>Clear plastic bag</i></p> |  |

Additionally, please ensure that Histology and Cytology specimens are placed in the correct specimen transport bags as depicted in the images provided in the table below:

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| <p>Histology Specimen Transport Bag</p> |  |
| <p>Cytology Specimen Transport Bag</p> |  |

We apologize for any inconvenience.

For any questions, please contact LifeLabs Customer Care Center 1-877-849-3637.