

## General instructions — all devices

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.

Complete patient details on both the request form and the vial.

Specimens may be returned if details are missing from the vial.

Remove the lid from the vial before taking the sample.

If lubrication of the speculum is required, a little warm water should be used.

If necessary a small amount of water-soluble carbomer-free lubricant should be applied sparingly to the outer portion of the speculum with great care to avoid the tip as it may interfere with the ThinPrep® Pap test process.

Do not place multiple labels on the outside of the vial.

Do not apply any physician bar-coded labels vertically on the vial, apply them horizontally.

Do not apply any labels over the lid of the container.