

ThinPrep® Pap Test Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi collections

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if the vial is knocked over?

If the vial is knocked over after the sample has been taken, look to see if any fluid still remains in the vial. If about one third of the fluid still remains in the vial, then the vial can still be sent to the lab for processing. Make a note on the request form to inform the laboratory of the sample spillage. Do not 'top up' the vial from a new vial as the lab will make any necessary level adjustments.

Can I take a ThinPrep® sample if the patient is menstruating?

No. Peri-menstrual samples should be avoided.

Can I use the Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi device where there is stenosis of the os?

The Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi device has an integrated endocervical brush that can be used in the majority of cases. When the stenosis is severe, the use of only an endocervical brush may be considered.

Can I use the Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi device for vault samples?

No, the standard Rovers® Cervex-Brush® is advised for taking vault samples. The device should be applied by using a sweeping action.

Can I use the Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi device if there is an extensive ectropion area?

Yes, the Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi device can still be used as normal. But for the ectropion area an additional standard Rovers® Cervex-Brush® should be used by applying a circular sweeping action. Both sampling devices should be rinsed in the same vial.

Can I use a lubricant?

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 I need to take a separate sample for HPV testing?

No. HPV testing can be performed on the same material collected for the ThinPrep® Pap Test.

Do's and Don'ts

Do

- Do rotate the Rovers®Cervex-Brush® Combi device 2 times in a clockwise direction through 360°.
- Do insert the endocervical sampler part of the device into the endocervical canal deep enough to allow the other bristles to fully contact the ectocervix.
- Do insert the Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi device immediately into the vial by pushing it into the bottom of the vial 10 times, forcing the bristles apart. As a final step, swirl the brush vigorously to further release material. Visually inspect the Rovers® Cervex-Brush®Combi device to ensure that no material remains attached. Discard the collection device.
- Do replace the lid and tighten so that the black torque line on the cap passes the black torque line on the vial to avoid leakage.
- Do keep the unlabelled portion of the sample vial free of labels so that the contents can be seen.
- Do send samples to the laboratory without delay.

Don't

- Do not routinely clean the cervix or take a cervical swab before taking a cervical sample.
- Do not use non water-soluble lubricants containing carbomers.
- Do not leave the collection device sitting in the vial whilst dealing with the patient.
- Do not over tighten the lid onto the vial.
- Do not detach the head of the Rovers® Cervex-Brush® Combi device into the vial.
- Do not place multiple labels on the outside of the vial.
- Do not apply any practice bar-coded labels vertically on the vial, apply them horizontally.
- Do not apply any labels over the lid of the container.
- Do not use expired vials.
- Do not delay the sending of the vials to the laboratory.
- Do not use during pregnancy.

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