

Human papilloma virus (high-risk) screening and genotyping - 16, 18/45
HPV DNA - PCR
Cervical Swab Collection

Container: Transport medium – ThinPrep® Pap, Brush.



Specimen: Cervical swab

Before specimen collection: Using a neutral swab, gently remove excess mucus from the surface of the cervix (discard this swab).

Specimen Collection Procedure:

1. Label the container.
2. Remove the cap from the container.
3. Insert the collection brush into the endocervix.
4. Rotate the brush clockwise 5 times.
5. Place the brush into the container. Press the brush against the bottom of the container 10 times and swirl vigorously to release the specimen completely.
6. Do not leave the brush in the container.
7. Close the container tightly.
8. Send the specimen to the laboratory for testing.
9. Specimen stability: 2–30 °C.

Factors affecting HPV DNA testing:

- Menstruation;
- Sexual intercourse within 2–3 hours prior to specimen collection;
- Use of antiseptic solutions or lubricants;
- Use of vaginal suppositories within the last 48 hours;
- Cervical procedure or surgery within the last 3 months;
- Radiotherapy within the last 21 days;
- ***This brush should not be used from 10 weeks of pregnancy.***