

ThinPrep PreservCyt Swab processing instructions

Self-collected sample must be placed into ThinPrep PreservCyt vial medium after sample has been collected.

- Read all instructions before starting sample suspension.
- For sample collection, follow the patient collection instructions for Copan FLOQSwabs (552C.RM).
- Once the sample has been collected, continue with the following instructions to preserve the sample:

HANDLE THE COLLECTED SAMPLE WITH CARE

1. Carefully uncap the vial containing medium and place it on a stable, flat surface.
2. Slowly pull the FLOQSwab cap off to remove the swab from the tube. Minimize touching the inner walls of the tube as you remove the FLOQSwab.
3. Hold the vial with one hand then with the other hand place the FLOQSwab tip into the vial until the FLOQSwab tip is fully immersed in the medium and touching the bottom of the PreservCyt vial.
4. Holding onto the vial, swirl the FLOQSwab along the inner vial wall for 20 seconds while ensuring the swab remains immersed in the medium. Be careful not to splash.
5. Carefully draw the FLOQSwab up along the inner vial wall until the tip is no longer immersed in the medium. Hold the tip against the inner vial wall to drain fluid off of the swab. Place the FLOQSwab into the tube and discard.
6. Re-cap the vial and tighten until the lines on the cap and vial meet or slightly overlap to prevent leakage. Store upright.
7. The sample can now be sent to the laboratory for HPV testing.

GLOSSARY:

FLOQSwab/Swab: The self-collection device used to collect sample.

Tube: A protective container that the self-collected device will come in and can be used to temporarily store the collection device after the sample has been collected.

PreservCyt vial: A container which contains 20 mL of clear solution. The specimen you collect will need to be transferred into this container and this container will be sent to the lab for processing.

Medium: What the liquid that comes in the vial is called.



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