Quick Reference Guide
Anal Cytology Specimen Collection

Collect...
adequate sample using a moistened Dacron® swab or cytobrush\(^1\) following published collection techniques\(^2\).

Rinse...
swab/brush as quickly as possible in the PreservCyt® Solution by rotating the device in the solution 10 times while pushing against the PreservCyt vial wall. Swirl the device vigorously to further release material. Discard the device.

Tighten...
the cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.

Record...
the patient’s name and ID number on the vial.

Record...
the patient information and medical history on the cytology requisition form.

Place...
the vial and requisition in a specimen bag for transport to the laboratory.

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2 Elenai, SM, Chhieng, DC, Anal-Rectal Cytology: A Review. Diagnostic Cytopathology 2009; Vol 38 No 7, 533-548

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