

Brush specimens are collected during an endoscopy procedure. Please use the preferred collection technique below. This collection procedure is for "Cytology Testing Only" and should not be used for microbiology/culture testing.

Materials Needed:

- › *Sacomanno Brush Wash* tube for inpatient specimens which can be requested from the Endoscopy Department.
- › *PreservCyt* (green label) vial for outpatient locations.
- › Inpatient - Use EPIC to enter "Non-Gynecological" cytology order (Test #4001)
Outpatient - Complete and submit a "Pathology/Cytology" order either through EPIC or completed requisition form. Include customer billing information.

Specimen Requirements:

- › Please note specimen source on request form or EPIC order
- › Label container with patient name, date of birth, along with date and time collected.

Specimen Collection:

- a. Label *Sacomanno Brush Wash* tube or *PreservCyt* vial with customer name, date of birth, source of specimen, and date and time collected.
- b. Unscrew the cap from the *Sacomanno Brush Wash* or *PreservCyt* tube.
- c. Once the brush and sheath are removed from the endoscopy procedure, place the brush immediately into the *Sacomanno Brush Wash* or *PreservCyt* tube and immerse into solution. Cut brush from endoscope and replace screw top lid.
- d. Fill out request form or EPIC order with complete customer information, noting specimen source or additional testing needed. Note: Specify the location (right or left)
- e. Deliver specimen accompanied by the request form directly to the Pathology Laboratory or through courier service.

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