

Smears may be taken from sites such as oral mucosa, ulcerated skin lesions, etc. They are often used in Herpes detection.

Materials Needed:

- › Plastic tongue depressor or metal scalpel.
- › *PreservCyt* collection vial labeled with customer's name, date of birth, along with date & time collected.
- › 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:

- › Specimens must be labeled with customer's name, date of birth, along with date & time collected.

Technique:

1. Label collection vial with customer's name, date of birth, along with date & time collected.
2. Fill out *Pathology/Cytology Requisition* form or electronic order with location of lesion and clinical history.
3. Apply a wet compress over the lesion if dry, to loosen debris which makes the lesion easier to scrape.
4. Using metal or plastic scraping device remove the overlying crust or vesicle dome. Scrape the ulcer bed.
5. ***Immediately*** rinse the scraper directly into the *PreservCyt* Collection Vial.
6. Place in a specimen bag for transport along with the request form
7. Deliver specimen directly to the Pathology Laboratory or through hospital courier service.

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