

# HPV Testing: The Basics

## Specimen Collection Procedures

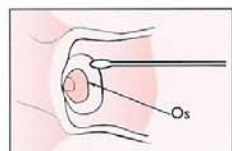


The Digene HC2 HPV DNA Test is FDA-approved for the detection of specific HPV types associated with cervical disease found in cervical specimens; to screen women with ASCUS Pap smears to help determine the need for colposcopy; and to aid physicians with risk assessment to determine absence of high-grade disease.

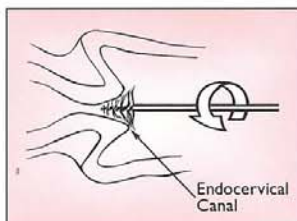
The HC2 HPV Test is approved for use with cervical specimens collected with the following devices:

- **Digene Cervical Sampler™ brush:**  
Collected samples are transported via the Digene Specimen Transport Tube, which contains Specimen Transport Medium™.
- **ThinPrep® Pap Test™ broom collection device:**  
One ThinPrep sample, rinsed in PreservCyt® solution, can be used for both the Pap and HPV Tests.

### Taking Samples with the Cervical Sampler Brush



Preparation



Step 1

**Preparation:** Remove excess mucus from the cervical os and surrounding ectocervix using a cotton or Dacron® swab. Discard the swab.

**Step 1.** Insert Cervical Sampler brush 1-1.5 centimeters into the cervical os until the largest outer bristles of the brush touch the ectocervix. Rotate three (3) full turns in a counterclockwise direction. Do not insert brush completely into cervical canal.



Step 3



Step 4

**Step 2.** Remove brush from the canal. Avoid touching the bristles to the outside of the tube or to any other object.

**Step 3.** Insert sampler brush to bottom of transport tube. Then, snap off sampler shaft at score line, leaving brush-end inside tube.

**Step 4.** Re-cap tube securely (snap in place). For shipping and storage instructions, please see Digene "FAQ" flyer or package insert.

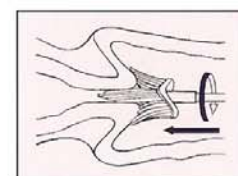
### Taking Samples Using the ThinPrep Collection Device

**Step 1.** Insert collection device into endocervical canal deep enough to allow outer bristles to fully contact ectocervix. Push gently and rotate collection device five (5) full turns in a clockwise direction.

**Step 2.** Rinse collection device in PreservCyt Solution by pushing the device's tip into the vial's bottom ten (10) times to release material. Swirl collection device vigorously to release more material.

**Step 3.** Discard collection device.

**Step 4.** Close vial securely by turning the cap until the tick-line on cap passes tick-line on vial. For shipping and storage instructions or for more information, please see package insert or Digene "FAQ" flyer.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 4



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