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## Pap Smear Specimen Collection Using Fast Smear Technique and Surgi-Path Pap Smear Organizer with Cytology Fixative Spray

1. Select a transport flat and identify with two patient identifiers. Also print the two patient identifiers on the snowcoat end of the slide mounted on the reverse side. **Do not remove slide from flat.**
2. Record the patient information and medical history on the requisition form.
3. Obtain specimen from the exocervix with spatula, taking care to sample the transformation zone (squamo columnar junction).
4. Place upon labeled slide as a thick drop. **Do not smear.**
5. Next, obtain endocervical sample using a cytobrush. **Use spatula if patient is pregnant.**
6. Mix on the slide with the exocervical sample drop. **Do not smear.**
7. Holding the transport flat with one hand, smear drop with one stroke of the spatula handle, or with two lengthwise light strokes of gloved fifth finger of the other hand.
8. **Immediately** - While holding the cytology fixative container about three inches from the transport flat, spray the entire cell spread by depressing the plunger 2-3 times. Allow to air dry.
9. Fold slide flaps inward and lock Pap kit shut.
10. Submit Pap kit folder and completed requisition to Legacy Laboratory Services for processing.

**Note:** Be sure to keep the drop intact and then smear together with endocervical sample. Careful attention to collection technique will minimize artifacts caused by drying.

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