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Pap Smear Specimen Collection Using Fast Smear Technique

Perform the following procedures:

1. Print the name of the patient on the frosted end of the slide.
2. Obtain cervical material from exocervix and squamo-columnar junction by rotating the spatula 360 degrees while scraping vigorously.
3. Place cervical material on slide near the labeled end as a thick drop. **Do not smear.**
4. Obtain endocervical sample using a cytobrush. **Do not use cytobrush if the patient is pregnant**, in this case follow step 2.
5. Mix on the slide with the exocervical sample drop. **Do not smear.**
6. Holding the slide with thumb and forefinger smear the sample with one lengthwise stroke of the spatula or gloved fifth finger. **Do not use circular or zigzag motion, as this would increase the chance of air-drying.**
7. **Immediately** drop slide into fixative.
8. Only one specimen from one patient per bottle. Please label bottle with patient's name.

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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