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## Pap Smear Specimen Collection Using Fast Smear Technique

Perform the following procedures:

1. Print two patient identifiers 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.

9. Record the patient information and medical history on the requisition form.

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