

Memorandum

×**To:** Clients of Northwell Health Laboratories

From: Karen Chau, MBA, CT(ASCP, Director, Division of Cytopathology

Kasturi Das, M.D., Senior Director, Division of Cytopathology

Date: 6/30/2026

Re: Required Collection Container for Gynecological Pap Test Cytology

Dear Valued Clients of Northwell Health Laboratories,

To ensure the accuracy and reliability of our gynecological Pap Test cytology, Northwell Health Laboratories exclusively utilizes the ThinPrep Pap Test vial.

Please be advised that only the ThinPrep Pap Test vial is FDA-cleared for this specific test. All other vials, including the "green-label" ThinPrep PreservCyt vial, have not been cleared for this application.

Consequently, all specimens submitted for Gynecological Pap Test cytology must be placed in the correct ThinPrep Pap Test vial. Specimens received in any other container will be rejected and may require recollection, causing delays in patient care.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this critical requirement. Adhering to these guidelines ensures the highest quality of diagnostic services for your patients.

Test Order	Acceptable Collection Container	Unacceptable Collection Container
Gynecologic Request Cytology, Gynecologic PAP TEST	ThinPrep PAP Test Vial ✓ 	"Green-label" ThinPrep PreservCyt vial ✗ 

Sincerely,

Karen Chau, MBA, CT(ASCP) and Kasturi Das, M.D.

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If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (800) 472-5757.

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