

AYLESBURY SPATULA



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Vaginal Speculum
2. Two glass slides.
3. Fixing solution (95% ethyl alcohol preferred; spray fix adequate)

PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

1. Obtain patient history and record.
2. Label glass slide.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

1. Usage is contraindicated in pelvic inflammatory diseases or when severe cervical stenosis exists.
2. Do not use for smear sampling of the endometrium.

SIDE EFFECTS

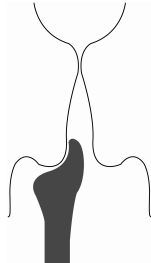
1. Patient may experience mild discomfort.
2. Warn patient that spotting may occur.

PRECAUTIONS:

1. Sterility is only guaranteed if packaging is intact.
2. For single use only.
3. Unless adequate numbers of both squamous and columnar (endocervical) cells are reported as being present, the sample is unsatisfactory and could miss an area of pathology.
4. The **Aylesbury Spatula** may be used in the first 4 months of pregnancy provided there has been no pain, bleeding or history of cervical incompetence.

DIRECTIONS

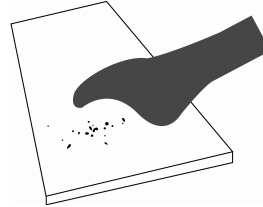
1. Ensure adequate speculum exposure of the cervix.



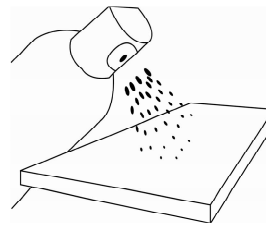
2. If the squamocolumnar junction is seen in its entirety, a rotation through 360° of the **Aylesbury Spatula**, applied to the junction area, is made.
3. If the squamocolumnar junction is seen at the lowermost part of the cervical canal, the use of an **Aylesbury Spatula** will give satisfactory results.

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4. If the squamocolumnar junction is not seen – as is the case in many postmenopausal woman – the use of a spatula **MUST** be combined with removal of cells from the endocervix using either an **Endo-pap®** curette or a **Craig Brush**.



5. Remove the spatula and prepare the smear by sliding and twisting the **Aylesbury Spatula** on a clean labeled glass slide. If desired more than one slide can be prepared before disposing of the spatula.



6. **FIX EACH SLIDE IMMEDIATELY.**
Essential for accurate interpretation.

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