

Craig LBC Spatula



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. Vaginal Speculum.
2. Preservative fluid.

PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

1. Obtain patient history and record.
2. Label preservative fluid.

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

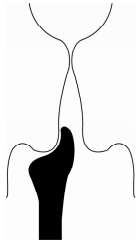
1. Patient may experience mild discomfort.
2. Warn patient that spotting may occur.

PRECAUTIONS:

1. Sterility is only guaranteed if packaging is intact.
2. For single use only.
3. Do not use for smear sampling of the endometrium.
4. 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.
5. The **Craig LBC Spatula** may be used in the first 4 months of pregnancy provided there has been no pain, bleeding or history cervical incompetence.

DIRECTIONS

1. Ensure adequate speculum exposure of the cervix.

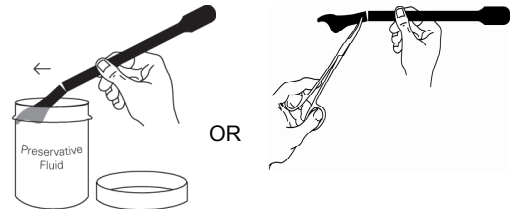


2. If the squamocolumnar junction is seen in its entirety, a rotation through 360° of the **Craig LBC Spatula**, applied to the junction area, is made.
3. If the squamocolumnar junction is seen at the lowermost part of the cervical canal, the use of a **Craig LBC Spatula** will give satisfactory results.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

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5. The **Craig LBC Spatula** may be rinsed in the preservative fluid before disconnecting the head, to assist in dislodging sampled material. Note: If desired, the **Craig LBC Spatula** may also be used for conventional slide preparation.



6. Using forceps, or the sides of the collecting vial, disconnect the head of the **Craig LBC Spatula** from the handle and insert the head into the collection vial. Do not touch the head of the device. Discard the handle of the sampling device.



7. Cap the vial tightly and send the specimen containing the head of the sampling device, with appropriate paperwork, to the laboratory.
8. Do not use wooden spatulas or cotton wool on an orange stick to prepare LBC samples.

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