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**Lab Dept:**                      **Anatomic Pathology**

**Test Name:**                    **PAP THIN PREP**

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**General Information**

**Lab Order Codes:**            PAPSR

**Synonyms:**                    Cytology; Cervical/Vaginal; Cervical/Vaginal Thin Prep®; Thin Prep; ThinPrep screening

**CPT Codes:**                    G0145 – Imaged Pap Screen

**Test Includes:**                ThinPrep specimen evaluation with interpretive report.

If HPV High Risk molecular testing is also desired, providers must **separately** order [HPVHR](#), both electronically and by indicating such on the Allina paper test request form.

Note: The same specimen is used for testing both Pap and HPV High Risk orders.

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***Logistics***

**Test Indications:**            Useful for the diagnosis of neoplasia; to aid in the diagnosis of infection with herpes, candida, Trichomonas vaginalis, chlamydia, and cytomegalovirus; to aid in the diagnosis of vaginal adenosis, condyloma acuminata; and to aid in evaluating hormonal function.

**Lab Testing Sections:**        Anatomic Pathology - Sendouts

**Referred to:**                    Abbott Northwestern Hospital – Allina Cytology ANW Lab Code: 6293D

**Phone Numbers:**            MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

**Test Availability:**            Daily, 24 hours

**Turnaround Time:**            9 days not including weekends and holidays, test performed Monday - Friday

**Special Instructions:**

An Allina Cytology Requisition must be filled out to accompany the specimen. Contact the Allina Laboratory Representative or Children's Minnesota Referral (Sendouts) Lab department for an updated form.

The name on the ThinPrep vial must match the name on the requisition.

Please give complete information regarding the patient's menstrual status, previous Pap and/or biopsy and surgical history, and home address.

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**Specimen****Specimen Type:**

Cervical

**Container:**

ThinPrep Pap Test Kit with PreservCyt Solution vial (obtain directly from the Allina Cytology Lab at Abbott Northwestern Hospital by calling 612-863-4678, option 2 if there are none on hand).

Note: The same ThinPrep specimen is used for both Pap cytology and HPV molecular testing.

**Collection:****Ectocervix/Endocervix:**

1. Write or label the patient's name and ID number on the PreservCyt Solution vial. Record the patient information and medical history on the Allina Cytology Request Form.
2. Obtain an adequate sampling from the ectocervix using a plastic spatula and endocervical brush.
3. Rinse the spatula into the PreservCyt Solution in the collection vial by swirling the spatula vigorously 10 times. Discard the spatula.
4. Endocervical brush – Insert the brush into the cervix and slowly rotate  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn in one direction (bloody specimen if over-rotated).
5. Swirl the brush in the vial solution 10 times while pushing against the vial wall, then swirl vigorously. Discard the brush.
6. Tighten the cap so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial.
7. Send the labeled specimen to the lab.

**Special Processing:**

Lab: Ensure that the Allina Cytology request form is complete with patient demographics (including home address) and correct order information. Store and transport ambient. Forward promptly.

Specimen is stable at ambient temperature for 6 weeks.

**Patient Preparation:**

Physician preference

**Sample Rejection:** Improperly handled/labeled specimen (unlabeled/double labeled); improper storage; leaking containers

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***Interpretive***

**Reference Range:** Negative or abnormal cells consistent with neoplasia, dysplasia, or inflammation.

**Note:** Inflammatory reaction may preclude hormonal evaluation. Occasional aggressive lesions of squamous epithelium of cervix can be missed, especially if patient has only single examination. Maturation index results are reported in percentages, i.e., 0/70/30, indicating 0 parabasal, 70 intermediate, and 30 superficial cells. Interpretation depends upon individual clinical situation. An interpretive report with follow-up recommendations may be rendered by the pathologist.

**Methodology:** ThinPrep evaluation

**References:** [Allina Laboratory](#) June 2023

**Updates:**

- 9/29/2004: Updated test orderable code from PAP to PAPSR. CPT code updated from 88150 to P3000.
- 5/17/2006: Specimen change from slides to ThinPrep Pap Test. CPT coding change from P3000 to G0123.
- 6/20/2023: Amended expected turnaround time to reflect current reference lab actual TAT of at least 28 days.
- 11/01/2023: Expected turnaround times returned back to normal.
- 4/2/2024: Updated CPT code.
- 4/22/2024: Added reference to separately orderable HPVHR testing, if desired. Added specimen stability.