

Buccal Swab Collection Instructions

Specimen Collection

- 1. Rinse out mouth vigorously with mouthwash followed by water for approximately 15 seconds.
- 2. Remove the Cyto-Pak brush from the container. Save the container and do not touch the bristles.
- 3. Using medium pressure, rotate the brush for 30 seconds on the inside of the cheek in 2 separate locations.
- 4. Place brush back into container. Re-cap and seal with parafilm.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 on the other cheek using the second brush.
- 6. If your kit has 4 brushes, repeat steps 2 through 4 with the third and fourth brushes.

Notes

- a. It is important that the cells do not dry out during shipping. Ensure that the container is tightly sealed with the provided parafilm.
- b. It is also important that the buccal cells are not contaminated with cells from any other source. Do not touch the bristles. Do not brush too vigorously. If blood appears, discard the brush and restart the collection process.