


Final Approval: Dr. Laurette Geldenhuys

## PAP SMEARS

Cytology Samples: Pap smears			
Container and Fixative	Container pictures (may vary)	Storage after collection	Deliver to Lab
<p>Patient sample on spray-fixed slide</p> <p>Placed in cardboard single slide holder for transport</p>	 <p>Cardboard slide holder</p>	Room temperature	Send ASAP

### Requisition: Gynecologic cytology requisition (Cytology CD-1840)

- Always label the slide on the frosted end with a lead pencil.
- The name and identifiers on the slide must match the requisition. A second patient identifier would include a health card number (preferred), RCMP number, or military number. The second identifier on requisition and specimen label must be identical.
- Please refer to the NSHA webpage for labeling requirements: <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/pathology-laboratory-medicine-6>
- It is not acceptable to label the transport container only (e.g. cardboard slide holder)
- Cervical Cancer Screening Practice Guidelines and reference cards are available from: <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/nova-scotia-cancer-care-program-5>
- **Questions? Call the QEII Cytology Laboratory at 902-473-8420**

#### Slide labels must include:

- Patient's first and last name
- Patient's health card number or another unique identifier
- Both must match the requisition form



#### Requisition forms must include:

- Patient's first and last name
- Patient's health card number or another unique identifier
- Patient's date of birth
- Date and time of collection
- Sample type and site of collection
- Physician's full name, CPSNS ID#, and address
- Clinical history