

# SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

## Endocervical Curettage

Endocervical curettage, ECC, consists of inserting a small, sharp, scoop-shaped instrument (curette) into the passageway through the cervix (cervical canal) to obtain tissue ideally under colposcopic guidance. The curette is used to scrape a small amount of tissue from high inside the cervical canal. See separate specimen collection instructions for endocervical brushing.

### Supplies

- Endocervical curette
- Formalin

### Specimen Collection:

1. Using an in-and-out motion to use the distal blade or a rotating motion to use the lateral blades, applying a corkscrew motion to ensure comprehensive sampling of the full circumference of the canal.
2. If both curettage for histology and a brushing using the cytobrush for cytology are planned, perform the curettage first and follow the specimen collection instructions for endocervical brushing, ECB.