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LABORATORY ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES NEW PAP TEST METHOD

The Cytopathology Department of Laboratory Alliance of Central New York is the first laboratory in Central New York to offer the SurePath® liquid-based Pap test.

This methodology offers clinicians their choice of collection device with removable tips that are easily deposited directly into the Pap fixative vial. This ensures that 100% of the collected sample is sent to the laboratory for processing.

The SurePath Cell Enrichment Procedure removes obscuring blood, mucus, lubricant and inflammatory cells to provide the pathologist with optimal cell visualization. It also leaves 100 percent of the collected, diagnostically relevant cells submitted in the fixative. A centrifugation method is used to concentrate the cells, ensuring that adequate cellularity is present on the final slide preparation.

The SurePath Pap also yields a higher detection rate of High Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions (HSIL) compared to other current Pap methods.

Additionally, while the number of “unsatisfactory” Pap tests is considerably reduced, so is the need for patients to reschedule appointments and/or have their Pap test specimen recollected. Another advantage to the SurePath Pap is that Human Papillomavirus testing can be performed on the specimen that remains in the vial after performing the Pap test.

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