

CYTOLOGY FAQ's

Q: Why do we receive PAP results that say unsat for diagnosis?

A: Most frequently, this is due to insufficient cells for accurate interpretation per guidelines

Q: Why isn't the HPV report included in the pathology report?

A: The specimen is sent for HPV testing only after the final pathology report has been completed.

Q: Can gonorrhea/chlamydia/trichomonas testing be run on a PAP specimen?

A: Gonorrhea/chlamydia/trichomonas testing may be done from the thin prep vial **PRIOR** to the PAP and HPV test performance. Once the PAP has been run, the specimen is no longer suitable for gonorrhea/chlamydia/trichomonas testing.

Q: How long after the PAP specimen is sent to the lab can HPV testing be added on?

A: 6 weeks

Q: What information is needed on the GYN requisition.

A: Patient name, DOB, source of specimen, date of procedure, HPV status, LMP, clinical history to include menstrual, treatment and malignancy history, care provider, care provider office address, phone and fax number and cc doctors.

Please call St Luke's cytology at 208-381-2605 with questions.