

SKIN OR MUCOSAL SCRAPINGS OF AN ULCERATIVE LESION OR VESICLE

Used for the cytologic diagnosis of the Herpes Simplex Virus by examining the specimen for viral inclusions. (Replaces the method previously known as the Tzank procedure).

General Instructions:

For Conventional Smear Preparations:

1. Label the frosted end of a glass microscope slide with the patient's name.
2. Scrape the edges of the lesion with a moistened wooden spatula.
3. Spread the material quickly and evenly on the slide and spray fix immediately.
4. Send the specimen to the Cytology laboratory.

For ThinPrep specimens:

1. Label a ThinPrep Preservcyt vial with the patient's name.
2. Scrape the edges of the lesion with a plastic spatula.
3. Rinse the spatula into a ThinPrep vial by swirling vigorously 10 times.
4. Send the specimen to the Cytology laboratory.

CAUTION

Preservcyt is the preservative in the collection vial. It contains Methanol, which is poisonous or may be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Preservcyt is anti-microbial and anti-viral.