

Do's and Don'ts when taking a Cervical Sample

Do	Do Not
The Cervex Brush should be rotated 5 times in a clockwise direction.	
Immediately rinse the collected material into the vial	DO NOT leave the collection device sitting in the vial whilst dealing with the patient
Replace the lid and tighten so that the black torque line on the cap passes the black torque line on the vial to avoid leakage	DO NOT over tighten the lid onto the vial
	DO NOT detach the head of the Cervex Brush into the vial
Keep the unlabelled portion of the sample vial free of labels so that the contents can be seen	DO NOT place multiple labels on the outside of the vial
If bar-coded labels are used these must be applied horizontally around the vial	DO NOT apply bar-coded labels vertically on the vial
Ensure Smear Taker (ST) code is legibly included on request form	
Samples should be sent to the laboratory without delay	DO NOT delay the sending of the vial to the laboratory. It is important that the vial arrives for processing as soon as possible.
	DO NOT use expired vial