METHODIST HOSPITAL
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CYTOLOGY BULLETIN

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HPV Testing and Reporting Changes

The Methodist Cytopathology department is pleased to announce that effective February 2, 2015 HPV testing will be performed by Methodist Pathology using the FDA approved Roche Cobas 4800 platform.

The Cobas HPV test identifies genotypes 16 and 18 while detecting 12 other High Risk HPV genotypes (HPV types 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66 and 68). When HPV testing is requested, three results will appear on the report. The pooled HPV High Risk (31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66 and 68), HPV 16, and HPV 18. One order, one test, 3 results.

The process for collecting the ThinPrep Pap specimen has not changed:

- **Insert non-lubricated speculum**
- **Remove any excess mucus**
- Insert the approved broom like collection device (lavender in color) into endocervical canal deep enough to allow the shorter bristles of the broom to fully contact the ectocervix
- Gently push and rotate the broom 5 times in a clockwise direction
- Remove the broom and place into the collection vial
- Immediately tap the broom on the bottom of the vial vigorously and swirl the broom in the vial to remove material
- **Discard the entire broom device**
- Cap the specimen so that the torque line on the cap passes the torque line on the vial
- **Record the patient's identifying information on the vial. If attaching a patient label, the label may not wrap around the bottom of the vial.**
- Transport labeled specimen and completed requisition to Methodist Pathology.

Please contact Methodist Pathology Client Services at 402-354-4541 or Dr. Diana Nevins (Cytopathology Director) at 402-354-4601 or diana.nevins@nmhs.org if you have questions regarding these changes.