



## TUFTS ORAL PATHOLOGY SERVICES

### **Instructions for Oral Cavity Use of SurePath® Liquid-Based Cytology**

Oral lesions suspected of possessing dysplasia (leukoplakia, erythroplakia) or cancer may be tested with the SurePath® cytology diagnostic test. Other indicated lesions include ulcerations, inflammatory conditions, candidiasis, viral infections, and certain rare vesiculobullous conditions (e.g., pemphigus vulgaris).

This cytology kit contains a sealed and sterile cytology collection brush, a bottle of SurePath® solution (blue screw top) and a TOPS requisition form. The nylon bristled brush is precisely designed to obtain a transepithelial collection of cells with virtually no discomfort to the patient.

1. Unscrew the blue vial cap of the SurePath® solution.
2. Remove the sterile collection brush from the sterile pack.
3. With appropriate pressure rotate the brush several times against the oral mucosa lesion to be sampled. A properly brushed area should result in slight reddening. The patient does not require topical anesthetic.
4. Then, immediately place the collection brush in the SurePath® solution vial and rotate it in the solution ten times while pushing it against the wall of the vial. Swirl the brush vigorously to further release collected cellular material. This ensures that all the cells collected are transferred to the solution.

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**5. Then, include the brush in the SurePath® solution vial by cutting off the appropriate length of the plastic handle.**

6. Tightly recap the SurePath® solution.

7. Make sure the dentist's name and the patient's name are on the vial as well as the oral site of collection. Fill out the TOPS requisition form in its entirety indicating on the form that this is a liquid-based cytology submission.

8. Send the completed TOPS requisition form and the SurePath® solution vial (with brush) to TOPS in the provided FedEx packaging (instructions on card contained in the liquid cytology kit box).

Results are routinely faxed or mailed depending on your indicated preference within 24 hours of receipt of the specimen. Any result which indicates an abnormality present will also be phoned to your office. All reports which indicate an abnormality should be followed in a timely manner by a conventional biopsy technique for microscopic analysis. A persistent lesion with a negative cytology report should be observed for change and retested with SurePath® periodically.

**INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION:**

ADA dental procedure code (CDT) to report this dental cytology procedure regardless of the location within the oral cavity is D0480. The corresponding medical procured code (CPT) is #88112.

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