



Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – May 2025

Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening eBulletin

Alert: HPV Collection Vials in the Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSF)

- **ThinPrep® Pap Test vials (white and purple vials) should be used for all testing in the OCSF**, including provider-collected cervical specimens and self-collected vaginal specimens at OCSF self-collection sites.
- ThinPrep® PreservCyt vials (green vials) **are not approved** by Health Canada for the transportation and preservation of gynecologic samples (e.g., cervical and vaginal samples).

Collection vial	Use
ThinPrep® Pap Test collection vials 	✓ Self-collected vaginal specimens ✓ Provider-collected cervical specimens
ThinPrep® PreservCyt collection vials 	x Should NOT be used for any testing within the OCSF

Click [here](#) to access HPV testing tools and resources for primary care providers.

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