



Gynaecological Histopathology

VCS provides a specialist gynaecological histopathology service which has significant benefits for referrers and their patients:

- VCS pathologists specialise in gynaecological cases and are experts in their field.
- VCS reports about 50% of Pap smears taken in Victoria so smears taken prior to biopsy are often immediately available for review and correlation.
- Our quality assurance procedures correlate cervical cytology and histology results to ensure that each case receives the most comprehensive analysis.
- Histology results - prompt turnaround time, usually within 2 working days and often within 24 hours (for results sent by electronic transfer)

BULK-BILLED TEST

If the patient has signed the request form and provided their Medicare details.

VCS ACCEPTS SPECIMENS FOR HISTOLOGICAL ANALYSIS FROM THE FOLLOWING SITES*:

VULVA

Biopsies
Excisions

VAGINA

Biopsies
Excisions

UTERUS

Simple Hysterectomy
Total Hysterectomy

TUBES / OVARIES

Biopsy
Cystectomy
Oophorectomy
Salpingectomy

CERVIX

Biopsy
LLETZ/LEEP
Cone

ENDOMETRIUM

Biopsy
Curette
Ablation

PERITONEUM

Biopsy

*Please note that we do not provide a frozen section service.

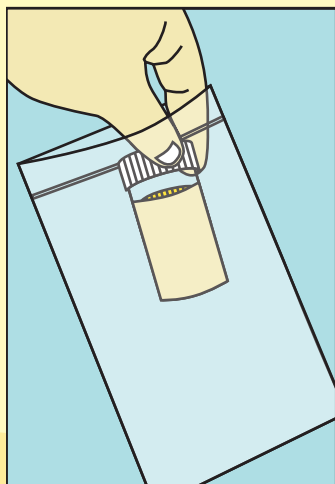


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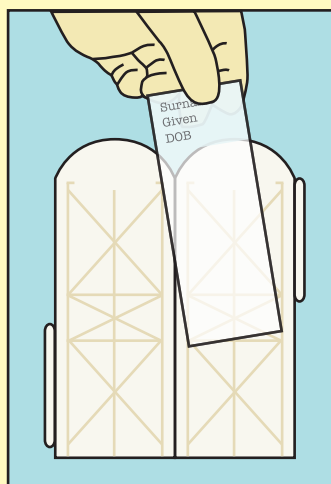


Victorian Cytology Service
Histology Specimens
Secure Packaging

To prevent formalin vapour affecting a fixed slide it is essential the cytology slide and histology pot are packed separately.

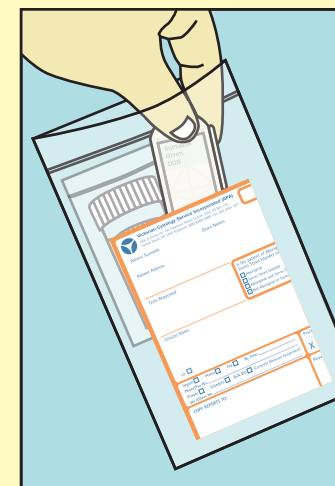


1 Ensure pot/vial is labelled with patient's surname, given name and DOB, then seal in the small zip-lock bag provided.



2 Ensure slide is labelled **in pencil** with patient's surname, given name and DOB. Place slide in plastic Slide Mailer.

3 REQUEST SLIP
Please ensure patient signs for histology (bulk billed).



4 Put both the bagged histology pack and cytology slide carrier into the zip-lock section of a VCS specimen bag and the request slip in the outer pocket.

IF YOU POST YOUR SAMPLES TO VCS PLEASE SEE THE NEW "MAILING PATHOLOGY SPECIMENS TO VCS" INFORMATION SHEET AND ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT PACKAGING (SUPPLIED BY VCS).