

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Molecular Microbiology

Human Papilloma Virus Screening Assay

General information

Collection container (including preservatives): Surepath container



Specimen type: Cervical smear, swabs, biopsies, paraffin wax sections

Specimen transport: Ambient or refrigerated

Minimum volume of sample: 600µl

Laboratory information

Measurement units: Threshold cycle (CT)

Turnaround time: PCR result available in 3-4 days

Clinical information

Clinical decision points: Not applicable

Factors known to significantly affect the results: False negative results may occur for a variety of reasons, for example inappropriate timing of sample collection, inappropriate sample, presence of virus below the detectable limit of the assay. New and emerging variants may also occur which may not be detected by this assay. Towards the limit of detection of an assay sampling variation will result in lower reproducibility.

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