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Liquid Based Cytology (LBC) Sample Collection & Labelling

We are receiving a significant number of LBC samples with either labelling issues or the samples collection devices being incorrectly placed in the wrong well. We ask please to ensure the following processes are used to ensure accurate and consistent sample collection.

Labelling

Labels need to be small enough to fit on the SurePath LBC sample vials **without flags or tags** hanging from the vial. The label must contain at minimum - First Name, Last Name, DOB and/or NHI.

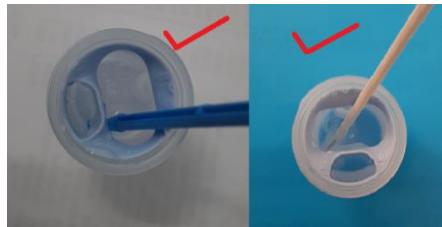


Please note: the labels have a peel off QR code on the SurePath Vial which should go on the request form as another form of ID.



One sticker only - multiple labels stuck over the top of each other make the circumference of the pots too big for the multiprocessor, causing machine breakdowns, resulting in delay in processing & reporting.

Containers Wells



The collection devices must be placed into the **“large well”** of the SurePath vial only.
Nothing is to be placed into the small well.

Placing anything in the small well causes the analysers to abort the entire batch, resulting in a delay in processing and reporting.



Thank you for your continued support and assistance.
Dr Richard Massey, Anatomical Pathologist

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