



Smear Test

Please talk the examiner through the process of taking a smear. Start from your introduction to the patient and go through the various steps.

Introduce (1)

Check correct patient (1)

History previous smears, abnormal result (1)

Explain procedure – brush – send to cytology to look for PRE cancerous cells (1)

Explain if abnormal called for treatment (1)

Get chaperone (1)

Ask patient to go behind screen and undress bottom half (1)

Feet in stirrups (1)

Brush clockwise 5 times (1)

Shake brush in collection pot 10 times (1)

Label pot and dispose of instruments appropriately (1)

Results sent to GP (1)

If normal repeat in 3years time. (1)

Risk factors sexual promiscuity and HPV (1)

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