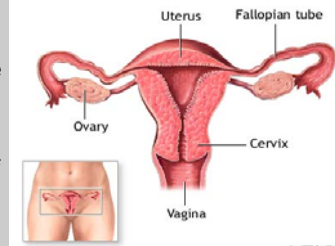


# Your Pap Test & Biopsy: What is it?

## **The Pap Test**

The Pap test – also called the pap smear – checks the cells in your cervix, the lower part of the uterus (womb) that opens into the vagina (birth canal). It can tell if you have an infection or abnormal cells that could be precancerous. The pap smear is performed by your health care provider in the form of a scraping, brushing, or smear that is taken from the surface of the vagina or cervix. This sample is sent to the laboratory where it is evaluated by highly trained technicians called cytologists. If an abnormality is detected, your sample will then be evaluated by a pathologist, a physician with specialized training in studying cells and tissue. The appearance of your cells determines whether they are normal, suspicious, or cancerous.



The results of the cytological analysis and any additional studies are available to your health care provider, to other physicians involved in your care, and to you. The microscopic slides and diagnostic reports are stored in the laboratory should you or your physician request additional reports, review, consultation, or second opinion.

## **Biopsy**

If you have a condition that requires a surgical biopsy or excision, your health care provider will submit the sampled tissue for pathological analysis. Your tissue will be examined grossly and microscopically by a pathologist to arrive at an accurate diagnosis and, if necessary, assessment of surgical margins.

## **Fees**

The comprehensive pathology consultation service includes sample transportation, gross examination, slide preparation, review of the slides, and reporting of results to your health care provider. He/she uses the information to treat or manage your condition. A fee is charged for these professional and technical services.

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# The Laboratory

The Martha Jefferson Hospital Laboratory offers diagnostic services to physicians and other women's health care providers. This service is under the supervision of the Director of Cytology Services, Laura L. Spinelli, M.D., a surgical Pathologist with subspecialty board certification in cytology. Dr. Spinelli practices with Charlottesville Pathology Associates, a team of four Board certified anatomic and clinical Pathologists, who are committed to providing the highest quality of diagnostic services for clinical doctors and their patients.



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