



Lubricants approved for liquid based Pap tests

Cytc Corporation, now a HOLOGIC Company, has evaluated a variety of popular lubricants and found that those containing an ingredient known as “carbomers” or “carbopol polymers” are prone to interfere with popular liquid based Pap Tests. Cytc does not recommend the use of lubricants since the ingredients within the lubricants may not be listed. However, if a lubricant must be used due to patient discomfort or use of a plastic speculum, it should be done sparingly with care to avoid the tip of the speculum.

The following table lists lubricants, along with distributors, that have been approved for use during collection of liquid based paps:

KY Jelly® KY Jelly is a registered trademark of Johnson & Johnson	PSS World Medical www.drugstore.com
Surgilube® Surgilube is a registered trademark of E. Fougera & Co.	PSS World Medical Cardinal Health
Astroglide® Astroglide is a registered trademark of Biofilm, Inc.	PSS World Medical www.drugstore.com
Crystelle® Crystelle is a registered trademark of Deltex Pharmaceuticals	Check with local distributors