Dear Client,

In order to better serve you and your patients we would like to inform you of the potential for some personal lubricants and vaginal medications to interfere with the ThinPrep Pap test. Personal lubricants no longer only include the typical KY jelly, but have diversified into an array of aggressively marketed products (i.e. tingling gels, warming liquids, etc.). Many of these products claim to last several days. We believe at least some of these products have the potential to interfere with ThinPrep Pap test processing causing unsatisfactory specimens. Two products that have been shown to interfere through our own product tests are Replens and Monistat 7.

In order to prevent the possibility of personal lubricants and/or vaginal medications (e.g. yeast medications) from contaminating the ThinPrep collection vial we would suggest that you instruct patients to avoid using them for at least one week before their appointment time.

Please call or email us if you would like a further explanation of how these products may interfere with ThinPrep Pap tests. We would also be happy to set-up an in-service to discuss this or other topics of interest.

Sincerely,

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