

## **Specimen Collection**

- 1.** Have the patient rinse mouth vigorously with mouthwash for approximately 15 seconds.
- 2.** Remove the Cyto-Pak brush from the container only touching the stick end. Save the container.
- 3.** Using medium pressure, rotate the brush several times on the inside of the cheek.
- 4.** Place brush back into container, re-cap, and seal with parafilm.
- 5.** Repeat steps 2 through 4 on the other cheek using the second brush.
- 6.** Label each container with patient name and accession number or hospital/clinic number.
- 7.** Please provide appropriate clinical information about the patient as per specific test requirements.

## **Notes:**

- 1.** It is important that the cells do not dry out during shipping. Please ensure that the container is tightly sealed with the parafilm provided.
- 2.** It is also important that the patient's buccal cells are not contaminated with cells from any other source. Do not touch the bristles. Do not brush too vigorously. If blood appears, discard the brush and restart the collection process.