

MEMORANDUM

To: All Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc. (RML) Clients
From: Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc.
Amy Garrison, MBA, MT (ASCP), Director
Date: September 7, 2016
Subject: **RML Transitioning to ThinPrep**

Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc., is committed to working in partnership with you to provide quality laboratory services for your patients. With this in mind, we are writing to announce our decision to implement the ThinPrep® Imaging System with Dual Review™ for collection and screening of Pap specimens.

This system combines advanced screening technology with human interpretive expertise to provide comprehensive, accurate screening of your Pap specimens. With Dual Review, every patient slide is analyzed by the imager and screened by a cytotechnologist. In order to prepare for this transition, your RML account representative will be setting up a mutually agreeable time for an in-service.

Technology-Driven Change

RML has kept pace with changes in the field of cervicovaginal cancer screening, adopting improved technologies to provide the most accurate testing possible. Most recently, the field has evolved to place greater emphasis on molecular diagnostic testing methods because of the improved sensitivity and specificity they offer for Pap testing and related ancillary studies.

Today's molecular testing platforms require increased volumes of Pap sample to enable additional testing, and we have recognized the need for a Pap system that offers a larger sample volume than provided by our current liquid-based cytology system. The ThinPrep system meets this need.

Full-Spectrum Testing

While both ThinPrep and our current system offer very satisfactory morphologic samples for routine microscopy, our overall assessment is that the ThinPrep sample will be better suited to

support the full spectrum of cervical cancer testing methods, including molecular and ancillary testing. The use of ThinPrep media will enable FDA IVD molecular testing to be performed on a Pap specimen. The molecular testing menu will consist of HPV, HPV genotyping, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Trichomonas. The testing menu will be expanded as RML completes further validation testing.

More information about dates and training will be forth coming. While your practice may already be familiar with ThinPrep, your RML account representative will be available to work closely with your staff to make the transition to the new system as smooth as possible.

Thank you very much for your continued support and patience during the upcoming transition. We encourage you to call your RML account representative if you have questions or concerns about this change or at our main number at 918-744-2500 or toll free at 1-800-722-8077.