

with a sterile cotton swab. The smears were immediately spread on prelabeled clean slides and fixed immediately in ether-alcohol mixture. The material thus obtained proved adequate with a good number of well preserved squamous cells.

This method provides a direct viewing of the cervix and enabled us to collect the smear from the required site without contamination. The adequate exposure of the os

can also be used in investigations associated with insertions of intrauterine devices and other uterine manipulations.

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