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Dear Colleague:

Hologic strives to provide you with processes and products to help you deliver targeted care to your patients. As part of this commitment, if lubricant must be used due to patient discomfort or other circumstances we recommend the use of Surgilube lubricant from HR Pharmaceuticals and the Pap Test Lubricating Jelly from Aseptic Control Products/Sion Brands — two carbomer-free lubricants that have all been validated by Hologic for use with the ThinPrep® Pap test.<sup>1\*</sup>

Both of these lubricants passed stringent testing by Hologic and meet established quality parameters without impacting ThinPrep Pap test results. **We only advise using carbomer-free products because lubricants containing the synthetic polymers, regardless of their quality, can affect test results and should not be used with ThinPrep Pap testing.**

Ultimately, healthcare providers are responsible for providing counsel to patients to refrain from using over-the-counter lubricants and vaginal medications 48 hours prior to the collection of any Pap sample. All healthcare providers should follow the guidelines for Pap collection as indicated in CLSI and ACOG guidelines.<sup>2,3</sup>

## Purchasing details for the validated lubricants

- **Surgilube** lubricant is available for purchase through numerous medical distributors and GPOs listed on their website [Surgilube.com](http://Surgilube.com). It is available in several packaging types:

MFR #	Item Description	Volume	Packaging
281020536	Screw/Fez Cap (Metal Tube)	4.25oz (120.49gm)	12 ea/bx – 6 bx/cs (72)
281020502	Screw/Fez Cap (Metal Tube)	2oz (56.7gm)	12 ea/bx – 12 bx/cs (144)
281020555	Metal Tube – Elongated Tip	5gm	48 ea/bx – 3 bx/cn – 4 cn/cs
281020537	Flip Top Cap (Laminated tube)	4.25oz (120.49gm)	12 ea/bx – 6 bx/cs (72)
281020512	Flip Top Cap (Laminated tube)	2oz (56.7gm)	12 ea/bx – 12 bx/cs (144)
281020543	Foilpac® (Foil laminated film)	3gm	144 ea/bx – 12 bx/cs (1728)
281020545	Foilpac® (Foil laminated film)	5gm	144 ea/bx – 6 bx/cs (864)

*Part numbers, packaging configurations and pricing are set by HR Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and are subject to change without notice.*

- **Pap Test Lubricating Jelly** is available in several packaging options directly through its manufacturer or from various medical distributors. Manufacturer location:

Aseptic Control Products, Inc., 3831 Industrial Ave. Unit D, Rolling Meadows, IL. 60008

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Description	ACP Item #	Packaging
Pap Test Lubricating Jelly, 3-gram packet, non-sterile	024-PKT/BX	144/box
	024-PKT/CS	1,728/case
Pap Test Lubricating Jelly, 4-oz flip top tube, non-sterile	024-PKT/BX	12/box
	024-PKT/CS	72/case

\* The Pap Test Lubricating Jelly (PN#s 024-PKT, 024-PKT-BX, 024-4OZ, 024-4OZ-BX) tested by Hologic on August 21, 2013, Surgilube lubricant (PN#s 281020536, 281020502, 281020555, 281020537, 281020512, 281020543, 281020545) tested by Hologic on March 3, 2016 are the only lubricants validated by Hologic. If the vendor modifies the raw materials and/or the formulation is modified, approval by Hologic and this document shall be null and void.

**References:** 1. ThinPrep 2000 System Operator’s Manual. MAN-02585-001. Marlborough, MA: Hologic, Inc.; 2017. 2. CLSI. Cervicovaginal Cytology Based on the Papanicolaou Technique; Approved Guideline – Third Edition (GP15-A3). Wayne, PA: Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute; 2008. 3. ACOG. Cervical Cancer Screening and Prevention. Practice Bulletin No. 168. *Obstet Gynecol.* 2016;128(4):e111-30. doi: 10.1097/AOG.0000000000001708

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