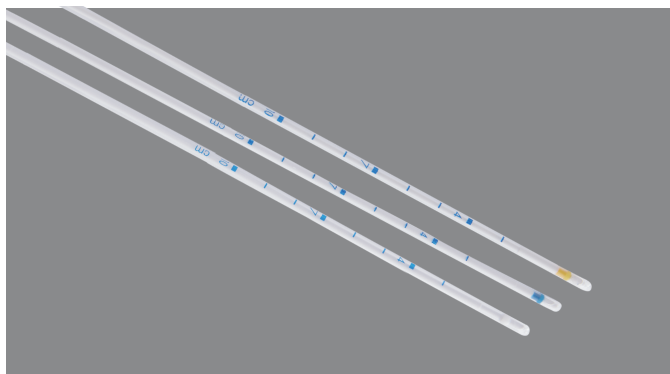




Description

Preferred Curette is a single-use, sterile, disposable suction curette intended for obtaining a histologic biopsy of the uterine mucosal lining or for extracting uterine menstrual content for microscopic examination or culturing.

Preferred Curette is designed with a front-end sampling port and a bulged piston that fits snugly into the tube, maintaining a secure seal. Specimen collection is facilitated by the negative pressure generated through the movement of the piston.

Product Model

Preferred Curette is available in three types, each identified by a different color for easy distinction. Details of the three types are as follows:

- **M0014** REF – Blue – Ø3.0 / Stiff
- **M0015** REF – Yellow – Ø3.0 / Flex
- **M0016** REF – White – Ø3.6 / Stiff

NOTE: Each package contains a single, sterile device.

Indications for Use

The device is indicated for endometrial sampling in women with suspected intrauterine pathology, including those presenting with abnormal uterine bleeding (AUB) or postmenopausal bleeding. It is intended to obtain endometrial tissue for histopathological examination to support the diagnosis of conditions such as endometrial hyperplasia, polyps, or carcinoma. The device may be used in both premenopausal and postmenopausal women, as determined by clinical evaluation. The device is intended for use by trained gynecologists in clinical environments such as hospitals or outpatient clinics.

Intended purpose

Preferred Curette is intended for obtaining a histologic biopsy of the uterine mucosal lining or for extracting uterine menstrual content for microscopic examination or culturing.

Intended patient population

This product is intended for use in adult females regardless of demographic background. However, it is not intended for use in underage or sexually inexperienced females unless a gynecologist has assessed and confirmed that the procedure is medically necessary and appropriate.

Intended users

This medical device is intended to be used by trained gynecologists with appropriate experience in endometrial sampling procedures.

Contraindications

Do not use this device in the following conditions:

- Pregnancy / suspected pregnancy or in a pregnant person
- Pelvic infection
- Cervical infection
- Hypersensitivity
- Chronic pathology
- Any conditions contraindicating outpatient surgical procedures

Potential Side Effects

- Vasovagal reaction triggered by cervical manipulation
- Abdominal pain or cramping
- Vaginal bleeding or spotting
- Uterine or pelvic infection
- Uterine perforation (very rare)
- Cervical laceration (very rare)
- Intrauterine adhesion formation, including Asherman's Syndrome

In case of side effects, discontinue the procedure, provide appropriate medical intervention, and report to the manufacturer and the applicable local regulatory authority, as required by local laws and regulations.

Clinical Benefits

- Enables the collection of endometrial tissue and/or uterine contents in a minimally invasive manner for histological, cytological evaluation or microscopic examination/ culturing.
- Supports the diagnosis and assessment of uterine and endometrial conditions by facilitating microscopic examination and culturing of sampled material.

Warnings

1. Preferred Curette is intended for single use only. **DO NOT REUSE, REPROCESS, OR RESTERILIZE.**
Reuse may introduce risks, including, but not limited to:
Allergic reaction, Discomfort / Irritation, Infection, Vaginal inflammation, sepsis.
2. Do not use if the sterile packaging is compromised.
3. If the device shows any signs of discoloration or cracking prior to use, it should not be used and must be reported to the manufacturer. Excessive insertion force may result in uterine perforation.
4. Avoid use in patients with active infection until condition is resolved.
5. This device should be used only by trained and qualified healthcare professionals experienced in gynecologic procedures and endometrial sampling techniques.
6. Intrauterine procedures involving uterine instrumentation may be associated with formation of intrauterine adhesions, including Asherman's Syndrome. Intrauterine adhesions may result in menstrual irregularities, reduced or absent menstrual bleeding, infertility, recurrent pregnancy loss, pelvic pain, or other reproductive health complications.
7. Prior to use, confirm again whether the patient presents any contraindications including suspected pregnancy, active pelvic infection, chronic cervical infection, severe cervical pathology, active genital tract infection or inflammation, or any condition contraindicating outpatient intrauterine procedures.
8. Following the procedure, advise the patient to seek immediate medical attention if the patient experiences abnormal bleeding, low-grade fever, persistent pelvic pain, signs of infection, changes in menstrual bleeding patterns, pregnancy loss following an intrauterine procedure, or difficulty becoming pregnant or other post-procedure complications.

Cautions

1. Verify the integrity of the sterile packaging and check the expiration date prior to use.
2. Use gentle and controlled motion when inserting, rotating, or moving the Preferred Curette within the uterine cavity.
3. Insert Preferred Curette only after ensuring the piston is securely fixed within the tube. The piston must not be loose or dislodged.
4. Do not withdraw the piston until the device has been inserted into the uterine cavity.
5. Use gentle and controlled motion when inserting or rotating the Curette; do not apply excessive force if resistance is encountered. Monitor for adverse patient reactions during or after the procedure.
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7. Store and transport the device according to the manufacturer's recommendations to prevent damage.

Precautions

1. Wear gloves and appropriate personal protective equipment to prevent contamination during sample retrieval.
2. Ensure that all instruments used are sterile.
3. Monitor the patient during and after the procedure for signs of vasovagal reactions (e.g., paleness, dizziness, nausea, or weakness).
4. If such symptoms occur, they are typically self-limiting and can be relieved by resting for 15 minutes and/or taking mild analgesics.

User Error Preventions

1. Always confirm the piston is fully seated before insertion.
2. Do not force Preferred Curette if resistance is encountered.
3. Monitor insertion depth using the embossed scale to avoid over-insertion.

Instructions for Use

1. Prepare the vagina and cervix using standard sterile technique, as for any intrauterine procedure.
2. Use an appropriate speculum to expose the cervix.
3. If necessary, grasp the cervix with a tenaculum. For an anteverted uterus, grasp the anterior lip of the cervix; for a retroverted uterus, grasp the posterior lip. Apply gentle traction to straighten any cervical curvature.
4. Carefully insert a uterine sound to assess the depth and orientation of the uterine cavity.
5. Open the sterilized bag (see Figure 1) and carefully take out the device.
6. Insert the Preferred Curette while observing the embossed scale on its sleeve, which serves as an additional safeguard against uterine perforation.
7. Confirm that the piston of the Preferred Curette is fully seated against the base of the tube. Then, gently pass the device through the cervical canal and into the uterine cavity. At this point, discontinue any traction previously applied with the tenaculum.
8. While holding the proximal end of the Preferred Curette with one hand, use the other hand to grasp the piston "paddle" and rapidly withdraw it in a smooth, steady motion. This action creates vacuum suction within the Curette.
9. As the piston is being withdrawn, rotate the Preferred Curette (either by twirling or rolling it) between your fingers. While rotating, move the device gently back and forth and side to side within the uterine cavity. Sweeping motion should be repeated at least three or four times to collect an adequate tissue sample. Use gentle sweeping motion only as clinically necessary to collect an adequate specimen. Avoid aggressive scraping, excessive force, if resistance, unusual pain, or other adverse reaction occurs, stop the procedure and reassess before continuing.
10. Carefully remove the Preferred Curette from the uterus. At this point, a sample from the endometrial lining should be visible inside the device. Any bleeding observed is typically minimal.
11. Cut off the tip of the Preferred Curette just above the sampling point, which is the small hole located at the distal end of the device.
12. Finally, push the piston back into the sleeve to expel the collected specimen into an appropriate transfer vial.

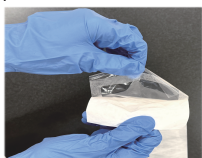


Figure 1. Open the sterilized bag

Glossary of Symbols

	Batch code
	Manufacturer
	Temperature limit 10-40°C
	Humidity limitation 30-80%RH
	Do not re-use
	Consult instructions for use
	Expiry Date (YYYY/MM/DD)
	Caution
	Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use
	Single sterile barrier system and using ethylene oxide
	Catalogue number
	Medical device

Rx ONLY Federal (USA) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician or practitioner

Disposal Instructions

- Dispose of the used device in an approved biohazard container.
- Dispose of the device as a single-use medical device in accordance with local regulations for biohazardous or medical waste.
- Do not attempt to clean, reuse, or recycle the device.

Storage & Transportation Conditions

- The shelf life of this device is 3 years from the date of manufacture.
- Store in a clean, dry environment with a temperature between 10-40°C and relative humidity between 30-80% RH.
- The device contains no sensitive materials, liquids, or gases, and is not considered precision machinery.
- It should be transported under normal atmospheric conditions in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations to prevent damage.
- The transportation methods for export include truck, ship, and airplane, while inland transportation is primarily conducted by truck.

Reporting of Serious Incidents

If a serious incident related to the device occurs, immediately report the incident to Bioteque Taiwan Ltd. and to the applicable competent authority having jurisdiction in their locale.



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