

MEDIA ALERT

MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT IN CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING NOW AVAILABLE IN SINGAPORE

ThinPrep Imaging System: First to be offered by Parkway Laboratory Services Ltd

Singapore, 22 June 2011 – Since the introduction of the conventional Pap smear more than 50 years ago, two key technological advances have raised cervical cancer screening standards to new levels:

The introduction of the ThinPrep Pap Test in 1996 was the world's first major advance in cervical cancer screening. With this method, cervical cells are rinsed into a liquid and a machine prepares the sample for microscopic review. Representative cervical cells placed on a glass slide in a thin, even layer resulted in improved detection of disease. The ThinPrep Pap Test is the most widely used Pap test in the United States, and Parkway has been offering this technology in Singapore for more than 10 years.

The second key technological advance in cervical cancer screening is the new ThinPrep Imaging System. The system uses cutting-edge computer technology to scan the glass slide for the largest and darkest cell nuclei and highlights areas for closer microscopic review by the laboratory scientist. This latest technology significantly improves detection of cervical abnormalities and reduces false-negative results.



ThinPrep Imaging System

Parkway is the first to offer this latest technological innovation at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Gleneagles Hospital and Parkway East Hospital. Medical practitioners are now able to achieve improved diagnostic capabilities for more accurate diagnosis and faster response times to patients.

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