

Laboratory Testing Pre-Payment Option

Skidmore College Health Services has contracted with **Saratoga Hospital Laboratory** to offer students *significantly reduced fees* for lab testing when payment by **Skidmore Debit Card, CASH or MONEY ORDER** is provided at the time services are rendered (see **“Cost Comparisons”** list). Although alternate payment options are also available as outlined below, ***please note that the reduced costs for testing will only apply if payment is provided at the time of, or within 24 hours following, your Health Services’ appointment (or within 24 hours of notification of “abnormal” ThinPrep results – see next section).*** Health Services makes no profit by providing these services.

ThinPrep® Pap Test – Initial and Additional Fees

The ThinPrep® Pap Test offers significantly improved cervical cancer screening over conventional Pap smears through better sample quality and early detection of low grade (pre-cancerous) and more severe lesions.

- The initial **“pre-payment” fee for the ThinPrep® test is \$22.00.**

If your Pap results are “abnormal”:

- Health Services will notify you by phone upon receipt of your Pap report. If you do not have an answering machine/service or prefer to be contacted in some other way, please discuss alternatives with the health care practitioner at the time of your exam.
- **HPV Digene** is an additional test performed automatically whenever the ThinPrep® Pap results are abnormal. **“HPV Digene”** is a test for the presence of human papilloma viruses (genital warts) that differentiates between those viruses that are “low risk” vs. “high risk” for causing cancerous changes. The test is performed utilizing the *same specimen* as the ThinPrep (it is not possible to do an HPV test from a “conventional” Pap smear), and must be done immediately once the Pap is determined to be “abnormal”. If the test identifies the presence of “high risk” virus, then a prompt referral for colposcopy (a special procedure wherein any abnormal tissue can be identified and removed) can be made. If only “low risk” virus is identified, the determination can then be made that the expensive, invasive colposcopy is not necessary. ***You will be responsible for payment of \$85.00 if the HPV Digene test becomes necessary.***

<u>Lab Test</u>	<u>Cash Cost</u>	<i>(Payable within 24 hours of date services rendered.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thin prep® Pap test	\$22.00	PAID by:
<input type="checkbox"/> HPV Digene (genital warts virus)	\$85.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
<input type="checkbox"/> Urine Chlamydia	\$16.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Skidmore Debit Card
<input type="checkbox"/> Urine Gonorrhea	\$16.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order
<input type="checkbox"/> HIV	\$11.00	BILL to:
<input type="checkbox"/> RPR (Syphilis)	\$13.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Chickering Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/> Herpes Culture	\$38.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/> Herpes Blood Test	\$ 38.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Total Cost	_____	Staff Initials: _____

I acknowledge responsibility for all lab testing charges as indicated above and I agree to the payment option selected. If I have chosen the prepayment option, I also acknowledge that if I fail to provide payment as promised, Health Services will bill my student account for the balance of charges incurred.

Student Signature

Date

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____