

## Information for Clinical Choice

### Single Use Vaginal Cusco Speculums

#### Support Document

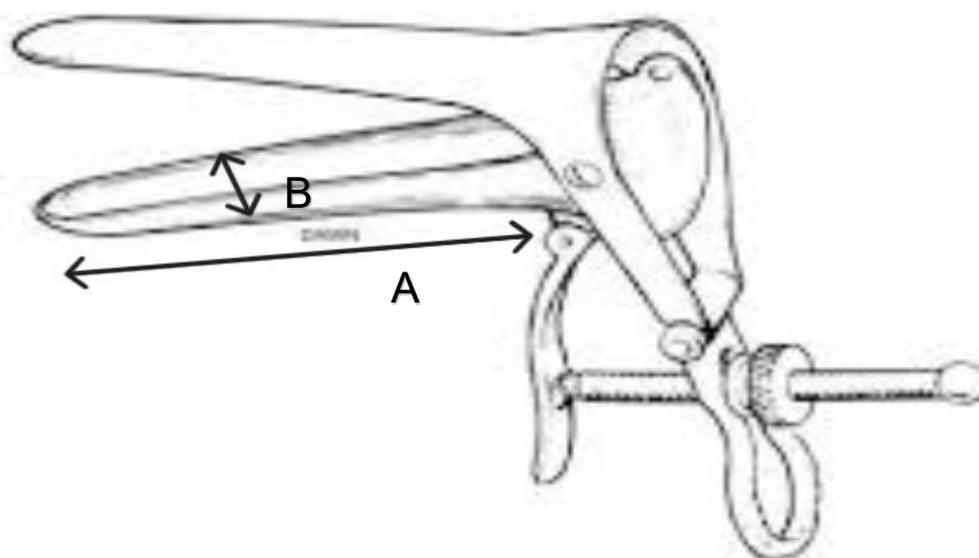
#### Introduction

Information for Clinical Choice (ICC) has been developed to assist Clinicians in the decision-making process when assessing the suitability of a product by providing a clear illustration and description of the features of a range of similar products supplied through NHS Supply Chain. The criteria provided, in the form of a Product Matrix and Support Document, is the result of a product review, conducted by Clinical Engagement and Implementation Managers, with support from clinical stakeholders from across the NHS.

The aim, alongside delivering savings back into NHS frontline services, is to ensure that clinical choice remains at the forefront of any product selection.

### Obstetrics Gynaecology and Sexual Health - Single Use Vaginal Cusco Speculums

Self-retaining, bivalved instruments used in gynaecology to hold the vaginal walls apart, allowing clear visualisation of the cervix and vaginal canal. It is typically made of metal or plastic and has a design resembling a duck bill. They may be single use or reusable. Speculums are available in a variety of sizes, but supplier sizes may differ hence the usable length (A) and width (B) measurements are shown on the product matrix.



Single use plastic vaginal speculums can be either, breakable or unbreakable. The breakable speculums are designed to ensure that they break in a controlled and safe manner outside of the vagina in the event of excessive stress.

This is important because uncontrolled breakage inside the vagina could cause sharp fragments and trauma. If a speculum is classed as breakable, it will have fail safe break points and a record of how much force is required. Unbreakable metal vaginal speculums are not included within this matrix but are available on the NHS Supply Chain catalogue.

## Product Matrix Guide

The data in the accompanying product matrix is accurate at time of publication. Please review this ICC guidance document and see the downloads section of our Maternity, Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Sexual Health Products contract page for the product matrix - [www.supplychain.nhs.uk/obs#download-panel](http://www.supplychain.nhs.uk/obs#download-panel)

## References

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