ABSTRACT

A DEVICE FOR USE IN PRESERVING A SPECIMEN FOR MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

A device (11) for use in collecting and preserving a specimen on a microscope slide (20), the device (11) having a slide chamber (13) with an opening (19) at one end though which a microscope slide can be inserted into the chamber (13), a reservoir (25) for holding a fixative liquid, a frangible member (28) located at the other end of the slide chamber (13) which separates the reservoir (25) from the chamber (13). The member (28) can be ruptured by the lower edge 20a of slide 20 so as to allow the fixative liquid to enter the slide chamber (13) and contact the surface of a slide (20) inserted therein.