CLAIMS

1. A speculum having a reduced number of components, the speculum comprising:

a first unitary body comprising: a lower bill; and a forward handle portion extending from the lower bill; wherein the forward handle portion and the lower bill are integrally formed;

a second unitary body rotatably coupled to the first unitary body, the second unitary body comprising: an upper bill; an actuator; and a locking lever including a plurality of teeth; wherein the upper bill, the actuator, and the locking lever are integrally formed;

a handle cover defining a rearward handle portion coupled to the forward handle portion, wherein the rearward handle portion and the forward handle portion define a handle of the speculum, and wherein the rearward handle portion and the forward handle portion enclose an interior volume of the handle; and

a latch body comprising: a locking receiver configured to engage the plurality of teeth of the locking lever; and a locking member, wherein the actuator and the locking member are configured to be manipulated to change a position of the upper bill relative to the lower bill.

2. The speculum of claim 1, wherein the locking lever extends through an opening of the handle cover.

3. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein the locking lever is curved.

4. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the second unitary body further comprises a window configured to allow a user to view an interior of a cervix of a patient in use; and wherein the locking lever extends from a lower portion of the window.

5. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 4, further comprising a lighting module configured to illuminate a region between the upper bill and the lower bill.

6. The speculum of claim 5, wherein the upper bill includes a track configured to receive at least a portion of the lighting module, the track positioned on an interior surface of the upper bill, the interior surface configured to face the lower bill.

7. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 6, further comprising at least one secondary bill configured to rotate in a lateral direction, wherein the at least one secondary bill is positioned between the upper bill and the lower bill.

8. The speculum of claim 7, wherein the at least one secondary bill comprises a keyed bill feature configured to be inserted into a corresponding keyed receiver of the first unitary body when the keyed bill feature and the keyed receiver are aligned.

9. The speculum of claim 8, wherein the keyed bill feature extends at an angle longitudinally and laterally towards the keyed receiver, wherein the keyed bill feature is configured to be coupled with the keyed receiver via a snap-fit arrangement.

10. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the forward handle portion comprises an opening through which the locking member is accessible.

11. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the locking receiver includes an opening through which at least a portion of the locking lever passes.

12. The speculum of claim 11, wherein the locking receiver includes a latch bar defining at least a portion of the opening, and wherein the latch bar is configured to engage at least one of the plurality of teeth of the locking lever to set a position of the upper bill relative to the lower bill, wherein the post receiver comprises a first prong including a first recess; and a second prong including a second recess and spaced apart from the first prong, wherein the first recess and the second recess together form at least a portion of an engagement region, and wherein the speculum is in a locked position when the post is positioned within the engagement region.

13. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein the latch body includes a post receiver configured to receive and engage with a post extending from an inner surface of the forward handle portion, and wherein engagement between the post receiver and the post is configured to lock the position of the upper bill relative to the lower bill.

14. The speculum of claim 12, wherein the post receiver further includes a post passage extending from the post receiver, and wherein the post is configured to slide within the post passage when the speculum is in an unlocked position, wherein the post receiver extends from the lock.

15. The speculum of any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the latch body further includes a biasing member receiver positioned on a rearward portion of the latch body, wherein the biasing member receiver is configured to receive at least a portion of a biasing member such that the biasing member is configured to bias the locking member in a locked position.