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[origin: WO9925251A1] This invention relates to a medical spatula that finds particular application as a spatula for exfoliative cytology, such as cervical or vaginal smear tests (PAP tests). The spatula of the invention comprises a grip, made up of a hand grip (12) and an insertion rod (14), and a substantially planar blade (20). The blade (20) consists of an open loop that defines the rim (24) of the blade (20) and a lattice of spaced apart bars (22) that arise from the peripheral rim (24) and transect the body of the blade (20). When adapted for use as a cervical spatula (10), the periphery of the blade is shaped to conform to the shape of the average cervix. The spatula (10) is integrally formed from a resiliently deformable material such as injection moulded plastics, preferably low density polyethylene.

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