

Destaining of PAP-slides:

Preparatory steps:

- *Ethanol series preparation:*
 - 100% EtOH: pure EtOH (denatured \geq 96% EtOH)
 - 85% EtOH: 15 ml pure water + 85 ml EtOH (s.a.)
 - 70% EtOH: 30 ml pure water + 70 ml EtOH (s.a.)

Procedure:

- Remove cover slip by incubation in xylene for a few hours to several days (until the coverslip can be removed easily).
- Rehydrate slides in 100%, 85%, and 75% ethanol, each for 30 sec at room temperature.
- Wash slides in deionized or distilled water for 5 min at room temperature.
- Destain slides in 0.5% HCl in 70% ethanol for 5-15 min at room temperature.
- Wash slides in deionized or distilled water for 5 min at room temperature.
- Air dry sections.