

ALBERTA CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

Colposcopy Quality Improvement (QI) Committee Guidelines for Delivery of Colposcopy Services

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Glossary of Terms

- ACCSP Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- ACR Alberta Colposcopy Record
- AGC Atypical glandular cells
- AHS Alberta Health Services
- AIS Adenocarcinoma in situ
- ASC-H Atypical squamous cells, cannot exclude high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
- ASC-US Atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance
- CC Connect Care
- CCS Cervical Cancer Screening application
- CIN Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
- CQM Colposcopy Quality Measures
- CQP Colposcopy Quality Practices
- ECC Endocervical curettage
- HPV Human papillomavirus
- HSIL High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
- LEEP Loop electrosurgical excision procedure
- LSIL Low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
- Pap test Papanicolaou smear test
- QI Quality Improvement
- SCM Sunrise Clinical Manager
- SOGC Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada



Preamble

The Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP) recognizes that colposcopy plays a pivotal role in the treatment of early precursor lesions and thereby supports the ACCSP to decrease the incidence, morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer. These guidelines serve to provide a layout of patient care and safety mechanisms for both Alberta Health Services (AHS) clinics and private clinics across the province. If certain criteria are not applicable to a clinic, the clinic must have processes in place to comply with professional and provincial standards to ensure appropriate and timely patient care.

The Role of Colposcopy in the Organized Cervical Cancer Screening Program

The ACCSP is a provincial, organized population-based screening program coordinated by AHS in partnership with healthcare providers. The goal of the ACCSP is to reduce the incidence, morbidity and mortality of cervical cancer through early detection and treatment of precursor conditions. The purpose of the ACCSP is to enhance and strengthen cervical screening services for Albertans aged 25-69 years.

The ACCSP coordinates a number of activities including, but not limited to:

- Providing a correspondence system that includes invitations, results, recalls, and followup letters for clients and healthcare providers
- Promoting and increasing access to cervical cancer screening services in the province
- Working with healthcare providers and labs to contact Albertans who have been screened
- Educating Albertans and healthcare providers
- Providing cervical cancer screening quality assurance

Since 2003, colposcopy care in Alberta has been supported by the ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee, which has undertaken quality improvement activities for colposcopists delivering cervical cancer screening and treatment services in Alberta. Ensuring the maintenance and improvement of high quality colposcopy services is necessary for the program to achieve and sustain its goals and objectives.

These guidelines have been created in partnership with the ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee and the Colposcopy Operations Working Group (Appendix A: Colposcopy Operations Working Group Clinics) to support colposcopy best practices throughout the province. Please note that these guidelines are not intended to define or serve as a standard of medical care. Standards of medical care are specific to all the facts or circumstances involved in an individual case and can be subject to change as scientific knowledge and technology advance and as practice patterns evolve.



Facilities

Rationale:

Colposcopy services should be provided in a clinical environment that ensures a streamlined process, which includes adequate space, equipment/maintenance and consideration of the client's safety, comfort and privacy.

Clinic Environment

- 1.1 Colposcopy suite is located in an AHS facility and/or ambulatory care setting.
- 1.2 Space and equipment for colposcopic assessments of patients including colposcopy, cytology, punch biopsy, endocervical curettage (ECC), endometrial biopsy, vulvar biopsy, loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP), laser vaporization (cervix/vagina/vulva). Facilities providing treatment with laser vaporization must comply with AHS policy (Appendix B: AHS Policy PS105 Safe Use of Lasers) regarding the use of laser equipment in the outpatient setting.

Note: AHS guidelines for the use of laser equipment in the outpatient setting may have significant operational ramifications.

- 1.3 Appropriate private space in suite for providing education to patients prior to their procedure, and for charting/documentation.
- 1.4 Bathroom facilities are adjacent to the suite.
- 1.5 Private changing area for patients.
- 1.6 A private waiting area once patients have changed for their appointment should be considered.

Note: Patients can be very uncomfortable sitting in the waiting room after they change.

If no private waiting room area is available, the patient should go fully clothed into the exam room before their colposcopy appointment.

Equipment

- 1.7 Examination table capable of adjustment.
- 1.8 Have available a working colposcope with clear imaging and digital capture capabilities, and a monitor for patient viewing/teaching per room.
- 1.9 Electrosurgical generator and smoke evacuator.



1.10 Maintenance and cleaning of colposcope and related equipment as per the manufacturer's recommendations. Cleaning of all handled surfaces between patients with the accepted industrial antibacterial cleaning agent, disposal/sterilization of acetic acid (vinegar) vessel at the end of each clinic or patient (if required).

Use a sterilized prepared procedure tray with sterilized reusable or clean single-use disposable speculum per patient.



Staffing

Rationale:

Colposcopy services are provided by appropriately qualified and experienced multidisciplinary team to optimize the patient's healthcare experience.

- 2.1 Colposcopy services are to be delivered by a team of trained professionals (including medical, nursing and administrative staff) with defined responsibilities.
- 2.2 Support staff should be available to facilitate cleaning between patients and at the end of clinic day as required.

CQP#	Indicator	Current Target
CQP1	Education requirements for physicians doing colposcopy	100% of physicians doing colposcopy in Alberta meet the guidelines as recommended by the SOGC.
CQP2	Complete Colposcopy form (eColpo) and send documentation to the ACCSP	95% of colposcopist assessments have documented the type of transformation zone and have an opinion on nature of abnormality and requirements for management.
CQP3	Workload	Each colposcopist to see 100 patients per year to maintain skill and expertise.



Systems Management

Rationale:

Colposcopy services are standardized to ensure all patients have access to high quality diagnosis and treatment. Clinical management systems include new referrals, specimen collection and processing, management of results, communication of the results to patients and a protocol for patients who do not attend.

This requires all colposcopy team members to meet on a regular basis to review their processes, and to identify and manage any problems.

Management of new referrals

3.1 Use of provincial standardized referral form (Appendix C: Colposcopy Referral Form).

- 3.2 New referrals to colposcopy should be seen according to the wait times outlined by the ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee in CQM1 and CQM2 shown in the table below:
 - Patients with a referral cytology of HSIL/ASC-H/AGC/AIS are seen within 3 months of the date of referral.
 - Patients with a referral cytology of LSIL, ASC-US, HPV+ are seen within 6 months of the date of referral.

The colposcopist should triage colposcopy referrals with their multidisciplinary team to validate an appropriate referral before booking the appointment.

CQM#	Indicator	Current Target
CQM1	Proportion of non-gravid women referred for colposcopy with a cytology result of ASC-H, HSIL, Atypical glandular cells, AIS, or Malignancy who have a histological diagnosis in the ACCSP CCS application within 3 months of the referral cytology result.	Target is for 95% of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or worse to have a colposcopy or histology result in the ACCSP CCS application/Colposcopy database within 3 months from the referral cytology result date. Some women may delay or have clinical reasons for not having colposcopy.
CQM2	Proportion of non-gravid women referred for colposcopy with a cytology result of persistent ASC- US or LSIL and/or HPV+ who have a histological diagnosis in the ACCSP CCS application within 6 months of the referral cytology result.	Target is for 95% of women with a referral cytology result of persistent ASC-US or LSIL to be seen by colposcopy within 6 months of the date of the referral cytology result. Some women may delay or have clinical reasons for not having colposcopy.



Scheduling/Booking/Notification

3.3 Communication of clear expectations to the patient regarding establishing, discharging and terminating the clinic-patient relationship. (As per the Standards of Practice of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta).

Clinics should use their clinical judgement to determine discharge after 3 No-shows and/or 3 Rebooks; however, clinics should clearly communicate expectations for the patient to attend scheduled appointments. Notify the patient that after 3 No-shows and/or 3 Rebooks, the patient file will be closed (see below on how to indicate this on the Alberta Colposcopy Record) (Appendix D: Patient No-Show – Patient New Referral Notice; Appendix E: Patient Rebook [3x] – Patient New Referral Notice). The patient will require a new referral with updated information from their referring health care provider (Appendix F: Patient No-Show – Primary Care Provider New Referral Notice; Appendix G: Patient Rebook [3x] – Primary Care Provider New Referral Notice; Appendix G: Patient Rebook [3x] – Primary Care Provider New Referral Notice).

3.4 Defined management procedure for No-shows. No-shows are defined as the patient who failed to attend an appointment without notification or rebooking the appointment.

CQM#	Indicator	Current Target
CQM3	'No-show' rates 'Rebooked – Patient' rates 'Rebooked – Clinic' rates	Number of 'No-shows' and 'Rebooked by patient and by clinic' (Work Load assessment). In addition, report the number of women who had a subsequent visit 12 months post missed appointment.

Written reminders should be sent for all next appointments after No-shows. Following 3 sequential No-shows, a letter should be sent to the referring provider requesting a new referral (Appendix F: Patient No-Show – Primary Care Provider New Referral Notice).

Note: These situations should be reported on the Alberta Colposcopy Record to accurately reflect the number of clinical 'No-shows'.

3.5 Clinic utilization of a formal IT registration system (if available) for patient scheduling, booking and notifications.

Colposcopy clinics are scheduled to maximize the capacity of the clinic session, and support adherence with the ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee wait time guidelines outlined in CQM1 and CQM2 (Appendix H: Colposcopy Quality Practices and Measures).

3.6 Utilization of an appointment reminder system to send the patient a written reminder of colposcopy visit. (Appendix I: Colposcopy Visit Notification Letter; Appendix J: Colposcopy Visit Reminder Letter).

Follow up appointments should also be scheduled and supported by a patient appointment card and/or a reminder letter informing them of the appointment. A letter



is sent to the referring provider informing them of the patient appointment. (Appendix K: Referring Primary Care Provider Confirmation of Referral).

Note: A Patient's Guide to Colposcopy video has been created. You can access the video on the screening program's website here: <u>https://youtu.be/57EXw9oU9TA</u>.

Management of Alberta Colposcopy Record

- 3.7 Use of either electronic or paper-based standardized provincial reporting form (Appendix L: Alberta Colposcopy Record).
- 3.8 Documentation of cytology/histopathology findings on the standardized provincial reporting form (example of paper Colposcopy Form in Appendix L: Alberta Colposcopy Record).

Management of Care

- 3.9 Assessment and follow up of patients in colposcopy as per the ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee LSIL algorithm (Appendix M: ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee) and 2012 SOGC guidelines (Appendix N: SOGC Joint Clinical Practice Guideline (Highgrades)).
- 3.10Discharge process to be in accordance with the ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee treatment guidelines and care pathway (Appendix M: ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee; Appendix N: SOGC Joint Clinical Practice Guideline (High-grades)). Patients and their primary care providers should be informed when they have been discharged and a recommendation for when they should return for regular screening should be indicated (Appendix O: Patient Discharge Letter; Appendix P: Primary Care Provider Discharge Letter).

Discharge process for lost to follow up is being developed (to be added to Appendix M: ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee).

- 3.11 The colposcopist will complete recommendations on the Alberta Colposcopy Record (Appendix L: Alberta Colposcopy Record).
- 3.12 The patient's clinical recommendations will be communicated to the nurses and clerical staff by the colposcopist. Communication of results and treatment plan to the patient will be completed as per the individual colposcopists practice or clinic protocols based on their current/future capacity.
- 3.13 Within eight weeks of assessment, the colposcopy clinic should notify the referring primary care provider of patient's results, management plans and colposcopy follow-up recommendations (including next booked visit) in accordance with the Alberta and SOGC guidelines (Appendix M: ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee Guidelines; Appendix N: SOGC Joint Clinical Practice Guideline (High-grades)).



CQM#	Indicator	Current Target
CQM10	Communication with current referring primary care provider. Proportion of time the colposcopist communicates the results of the colposcopy evaluation and recommendations for patient management to the primary care provider within 60 days of colposcopy assessment.	Target is that 95% of the time, colposcopists will provide the current service provider with the results of the colposcopic evaluation and a recommended patient management plan within 60 days of the colposcopy assessment.

- 3.14If the patient is discharged from colposcopy with a diagnosis of a malignancy, they should not be sent a discharge letter. The patient will receive appropriate follow-up instructions from the oncologist once treatment is completed.
- 3.15 If the patient has been a No-show 3 times and/or has Rebooked 3 times, the patient can be discharged using best clinical judgement. Please ensure attempts to contact and educate patient have been clearly identified in the patient record (Appendix D: Patient No-Show Patient New Referral Notice; Appendix E: Patient Rebook [3x] Patient New Referral Notice). Ensure the referring primary care provider has been informed that the patient has been discharged and will require a new referral (Appendix F: Patient No-Show Primary Care Provider New Referral Notice; Appendix G: Patient Rebook [3x] Primary Care Provider New Referral Notice).



Information Management

Rationale:

Use of the colposcopy information report (Alberta Colposcopy Report) is required for collecting and monitoring data in a standardized manner, as well as for monitoring quality assurance practices.

Alberta Colposcopy Record

4.1 The most important tool used to collect colposcopy data across the province is the Alberta Colposcopy Record (ACR). This form is an essential component for data collection, evaluation and feedback for all colposcopic services in Alberta and is available online on Sunrise Clinical Manager (SCM), Connect Care (CC), and paper form.

The colposcopy clinics are to complete an ACR for every visit and for every No-show or Rebooked appointment that pertains to colposcopy.

- 4.2 If the appointment was either a No-show or Rebooked, the following five fields must be completed on the ACR:
 - ULI/PHN
 - Date of Birth
 - Exam Date
 - No-show or Rebooked checked
 - Facility or Health Clinic

If any of the five fields are not completed, the form will be returned to the clinic for completion.

- 4.3 If the patient is being discharged due to 3 No-show and/or 3 Rebooked appointments, the following fields need to be completed on the ACR:
 - ULI/PHN
 - Date of Birth
 - Exam Date
 - No-show or Rebooked
 - Facility or Health Clinic
 - Discharge due to NS/LTFU/Unable to contact x 3

Please <u>do not</u> write NFR (no further recall), or leave Recommendations blank, as the form will be returned to the clinic for completion.

4.4 Please include the mandatory field 'Date Referral Received' on the initial visit that the patient is seen. This information is used to consistently capture wait time data and better



support timely referrals from primary care to colposcopy.

4.5 The mandatory field 'Date of Pap' is required on the ACR for the patient's initial visit. This is the Pap test result date that prompted the referral to colposcopy. Please note that if the initial referral is initiated as Referral Type "Other" (as shown below), the date of Pap is not required.

Reason for Colposc	ору	
Referral Cytology HPV+ HSIL ASC-US AIS LSIL Malignant ASC-H Atyp Gland C Date of Pa	Treatment Followup LEEP + exo + endo Cone + exo + endo Laser	Other Clinical Abnormality Vulvar Dysplasia VAIN DES Exposure Genital Condyloma

4.6 The following user guides have been created for clinics on Connect Care:

- Quick start guide to find the ACR and follow-up reports: <u>https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/Main/assets/cistr/tms-cis-ambulatory-colposcopy-workflow-quick-start-guide.pdf</u>
- Guide to submitting a colposcopy specimen: <u>https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/Main/assets/cistr/tms-cis-ambulatory-colposcopy-tipsheet.pdf</u>



Quality Management

Rationale:

Quality Management is critical to optimizing the colposcopy pathway

Monitoring/ Maximize Capacity/ Quality Assurance

- 5.1 Ongoing team meetings in colposcopy clinics are recommended to review quality assurance reports that include numbers attending, wait time and No-show rates. Quality control data is reviewed at operational meetings and appropriate corrective actions may be taken.
- 5.2 Monthly colposcopy audits are recommended with failsafe mechanisms to ensure women are not lost to follow up.
- 5.3 The ACCSP receives data from each colposcopy clinic via the Alberta Colposcopy Report (ACR). The data is used to create and distribute the annual colposcopy quality improvement reports (Appendix Q: Annual Colposcopy Report; Appendix R: Annual Colposcopy Clinic Report; Appendix S: Annual Individual Colposcopist Report).

Data for a range of indicators include:

- Wait times for assessment for high and low-grade abnormalities and referrals
- No-show rates of women who do not attend an appointment
- Total volumes of new assessments undertaken
- Rates of women with a high-grade lesion who had a biopsy
- Rates of biopsies suitable for histological interpretation
- 5.4 The following indicators are used to gather information for laboratory cytology and histology synoptic reporting.

CQM#	Indicator	Current Target
CQM4	Proportion of non-gravid	95% of women with referral cytology result of
	women with cytology result of	ASC-H or higher will be seen in colposcopy and
	ASC-H, HSIL, Atypical	have a biopsy or an ECC done.
	glandular cells, AIS or	
	Malignancy who have	
	colposcopy and have a biopsy	
	and/or ECC done.	
CQM5	Adequacy of ECC and/or	Target is to achieve an adequacy rate of 90% or
	biopsy specimen for	higher.
	histological diagnosis.	



CQM6	Correlation of referral cytology result (most severe) with histology result done within 12 months of referral cytology result stratified by type of biopsy.	Cytology Histology Agreement.
CQM7	Correlation between colposcopic impression and biopsy result.	 Initial targets: agreement between colposcopic impression and referral histology result at least 65% of the time. Targets for other correlations relationships will be determined once baseline data is available.
CQM8	Cytology or histology result is available in the ACCSP CCS application or ACCSP Colposcopy database within 18 months of patient discharge from Colposcopy care.	Target is to have the 85% or more of women who complete colposcopy services to have a cytology or histology result in the ACCSP CCS application within 18 months of being discharged from colposcopy services.
CQM9	Treatment Success: Proportion of women with a histologically confirmed diagnosis of HSIL or worse who have no evidence of HSIL on cytology or histology results done within 18 months of patient discharge from colposcopy services.	Target is for 90% or higher to <u>not have HSIL</u> on cytology or histology done within 18 months of discharge from colposcopy services.



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Appendix A: Colposcopy Operations Working Group Clinics

In 2017, the ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee formed a Colposcopy Operations Working Group to support the standardization of colposcopy services across Alberta. The following clinics participated in the working group which supported the development of these colposcopy guidelines:

Cross Cancer Institute Colposcopy Clinic

Dr. David Cenaiko

Dr. Karen Bailey & Dr. Harry Mueller

Grande Prairie Cancer Center

Grey Nuns Community Hospital

Holy Cross Centre

Breast & Cervical Health Program Chinook Regional Hospital

Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

Misericordia Hospital

Northern Lights Regional Health Center

Red Deer Regional Hospital

Royal Alexandra Hospital

Strathcona Community Hospital

Women's Health Centre



Appendix B: AHS Policy PS105 – Safe Use of Lasers

Provincial APPROVAL AUTHORITY	Document #
Scope Provincial Approval Authority	Do current d
Provincial APPROVAL AUTHORITY	Description #
	PS-105
Clinical Operations Executive Committee	INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE June 21, 2021
SPONSOR Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer	REVISION EFFECTIVE DATE Not applicable
PARENT DOCUMENT TITLE, TYPE, AND NUMBER Not applicable	SCHEDULED REVIEW DATE June 21, 2024
NOTE: The first appearance of terms in boid in the body of this document (except titles) Definitions section.	are defined terms – please refer to the
If you have any questions or comments regarding the information in this document, plea <u>cologibals.ca</u> The Policy Services website is the official source of current approved po protocols, and guidelines. Only the electronic version of this document, as hosted on the is valid.	licles, procedures, directives, standards,
OBJECTIVES	
 To provide AHS representatives with a standard approach for administration, operation, maintenance, and service while add and protective measures in accordance with applicable legisla College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA). 	hering to all safety precautions
 To provide guidance to AHS representatives with the develop Zone Laser Safety Program Guide for each Zone in accordan requirements and best practice. AHS Representatives shall for Program Guide for their zone, in accordance with this Policy. 	ce with regulatory
PRINCIPLES	
Alberta Health Services (AHS) is committed to the safety of patie when registered lasers are used in the course of patient treatmer	
Lasers, if improperly used, can cause harm and hazards includin eye damage, and electrocution.	g but not limited to fire, burns,
APPLICABILITY	
Compliance with this document is required by all Alberta Health S of the medical and midwifery staffs, students, volunteers, and oth Alberta Health Services (including contracted service providers a	er persons acting on behalf of



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ELE	MENTS				
1.	Lase	r Safety	/ Program		
	1.1		site Laser Safety Pro	stems are used shall have a Las ogram shall consist of, but is not	
		a)	Zone Laser Safety (DLSO); and	y Officer (ZLSO) or Deputy Las	ser Safety Officer
		b)		es, including Standard Operatin fety Program Guide that provide	
	1.2	of sta	ff from the facility tha	aser Safety Committee that is a at meets regularly to oversee the ng, but not limited to:	
		a)	administering the r	elevant Zone Laser Safety Prog	ram Guide;
		b)	investigating close	calls, near misses or harm; a	nd
		c)	making recommen	dations to improve safety.	
	1.3	laser laser	safety officer training system hazards, and	AHS staff members who have n , are knowledgeable in the eval I are responsible for overseeing and DLSO's responsibilities inclu	uation and control of the control of laser
		a)	control measures a	er system safety practices by en- are being followed and are in co , legislation, and program guides	mpliance with the
		b)		ce inspection by an Authorized f id registering the laser system w	
		c)	ensuring ARPA ins rotation schedule; a	pections are completed as per (and	CPSA re-testing
		d)	ensuring annual las	ser system registration renewal	is completed.
	1.4	requir		t the inspection, planned mainte islation and standards are perfor recommendations.	
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2.	Zone	Laser	Safety Program	m Guide		
	2.1	A Zo	ne Laser Safety	/ Program Guid	le shall:	
		a)	be produced	and verified by	the Zone Laser Sa	afety Committee;
		b)	align with this	s Policy;		
		c)	be followed b	y AHS represe	entatives and comp	liance is mandatory;
		d)		those practices nittees to contro		authority of the Zone Lase
		e)	be approved	by Zone Execu	utive Leadership;	
		f)	be reviewed a	annually by the	Zone Laser Safet	y Committee; and
		g)	Standard Saf	fe Use of Laser	rs in Health Care is	v version of the CSA published, to assure best Zone Laser Safety
	2.2	repre	esentatives from	n sites within the	is a multidisciplina e Zone that meets, ms in the Zone.	ry group of AHS at a minimum annually, to
	2.3	The	Zone Laser Safe	ety Program Gu	uide and any updat	es shall be:
		a)	mode or mod			e earliest possibility by the e the most success in the
		b)			ually, by laser use of services and ca	rs and laser operators, re to patients.
	2.4	inten be a Lase	nal consultation	with the ZLSO nediate needs.	or DLSO and othe	ser Safety Program Guide, r practice resources may inther additions to the Zone lone Laser Safety
	2.5					I be stored in accordance ds Retention Schedule.
3.	Facil	ity Res	ponsibilities			
	3.1	Adm	inistration at eac	ch AHS facility	acquiring laser sys	tems shall ensure:
		a)	the ZLSO or	DLSO is notifie	d, in writing:	
			(i) prior t	to purchasing a	any new laser syste	m; and
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		((ii) upon arrival	l of any new laser system;	
			the laser system is before use;	registered with the CPSA and	a certificate is issued
		5		n the ZLSO or DLSO, the appro per the applicable <i>Zone Laser</i> S plemented;	
			the appropriate per system is available	rsonal protective equipment (PF and is used;	PE) for the specific laser
		່ ຄ	accessories shall b	guide for cleaning and disinfec e followed in consultation with ntrol (IPC) personnel; and	
			all standard practic followed.	es stated in the Zone Laser Sa	fety Program Guide are
	3.2	laser sys		S facility operating a laser syste ad and recertified in accordance edule.	
4.	Lase	Safety T	raining		
	4.1	appropri		orking in a laser controlled area system safety training for their n m Guide.	
	4.2	safety tr		perators shall complete site-spo strate competence to the ZLSO gram Guide.	-
		a) l	Laser safety trainin	g shall meet applicable legislat	ion and standards.
			Laser safety trainin organization.	g may be provided by AHS or p	provided by an external
5.	Lase	r Controll	ed Areas		
	5.1	activity of	of those within are	laser systems are operated, an subject to safety control measu m hazards, shall be considered	ures to provide
	5.2	laser op	erator or laser use	stems, laser controlled areas sh r to prevent accidental exposur and standards and the <i>Zone La</i> :	re to laser hazards, as
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	5.3		rds, and the Zone	ser controlled areas Laser Safety Progra		
		a)	laser signage spe	cific to the laser sys	tem in use;	
		b)	restricting and cor	ntrolling access to a	laser controlled a	irea;
		c)	usage of PPE spe eyewear);	cific to the laser sys	tem in use (e.g.,	laser protective
		d)	window coverings them;	that restrict the tran	smission of the la	aser beam through
				overings shall be not revention and contro		
		e)	eliminating or mini area;	imizing highly reflec	tive surfaces in th	e laser controlled
		f)	the removal and s not in use;	ecure storage of las	er keys when the	laser system is
		g)		rds shall comply with ion and standards;	n provincial buildi	ng codes and
		h)		uation using a Plume AHS Surgical Plum		· · ·
		i)	access to a fire ex	tinguisher of the typ	e approved by th	e Fire Marshal.
6.	Eme	rgency a	nd Incident Repor	rting		
	6.1			stem malfunction, fai ent, the laser shall b		
		a)		tatives and patients cal assistance sough		tely assessed for
		b)		, and Manager shall hall be completed by		on as possible and
		c)		shall remain out of s ical Engineering or a safe for use.		•
	6.2	the AH	S Recognizing and	urs with a laser syst d Responding to Haz r required steps for i	zards, Close Calls	
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	a) A medical device Medical Device S	e incident (MDI) shall be reported afety Policy.	as per the AHS
6.3	shall seek first aid and m incident report in MySafe	n an injury or near miss to an AH edical attention, notify the Manag tyNet (MSN) to report the injury. F westigation Standard (Workplace	er, and submit an Refer to the AHS
DEFINITION	s		
midwifery sta		alth Services employees, member nd other persons acting on behalf roviders as necessary).	
unintended ir may range fr	jury or complications arisin	In event that reasonably could or on Ing from health care management, Jeath or disability to dissatisfaction tient care.	with outcomes that
Close call m reaching the		ential for harm and is intercepted	or corrected prior to
	er Safety Officer (DLSO) n d by the Director of the dep	neans the facility/site level laser s artment they report to.	afety officer. DLSOs
		or the patient, resulting from the c ent's health and/or quality of life.	are and/or services
technology (e equipment, e	e.g., the laser control panel	is defined as any individual opera , suction devices, cooling devices of a laser operator, the laser user	, biofeedback
	n means Class 3b and Cla ditional incorporated comp	ss 4 lasers with an appropriate las	ser energy source, with
Laser user r target.	neans an individual who dir	rectly utilizes a laser device to del	iver laser energy to a
that has led t device user, means a life- impairment o necessitates or abnormal a result of an	o the death or a serious de or other person, or could do threatening disease, disord f a body function or permar an unexpected medical or physical state or permanen off-label/abnormal use. Th	according to Health Canada, a m terioration in the state of health of o so were it to recur, serious deter ler or abnormal physical state, the nent damage to a body structure, surgical intervention to prevent su t impairment or damage. MDIs ind is is the equivalent of a serious cl orker incident with serious harm,	f a patient, medical rioration in health e permanent or a condition that uch a disease, disorder clude any that occur as linical adverse event
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Appendix C: Colposcopy Referral Form

Fax completed referral a For more information and http://screeningforlife.ca/				ase visit:		
Patient Information First Name	Last	Name			Date of Birth ()y	yy-mm-dd)
Address		/erified	Postal Code	ULI/PHN	J	
City	Pro	ovince	Home Phone	Verified	Cell Phone	🗌 Ver
English Proficiency	0					
Referral Information Reason for Referral	TOP C	PG http. ecommend	://www.topalbertad	loctors.org/org		
Date of Pap (yyyy-mm-dd)		ecomment				
Patient History			Pap Te	st Result Atta	ched (this is requi	ired)
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Form available online at: <u>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21106.pdf</u>



Appendix D: Patient No-Show – Patient New Referral Notice

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Dear [Patient Name],

Our records indicate that you missed your appointment on [Date at Time]. Any time you are unable to keep your appointment, you are required to contact the booking office, so that we may use the appointment time for another patient.

If you have not already done so, please contact the [booking office/department] at [Clinic phone number] to reschedule your appointment.

If you miss your next appointment (3 missed appointments) without giving notice, we will discharge you from our Colposcopy Clinic. You will then require a new referral which may cause a delay in your treatment.

We are interested in your health care and hope to hear from you soon. If you have any questions regarding your appointment, please contact [department or person] at the [Colposcopy Clinic] at [Clinic phone number].

Sincerely,

The Colposcopy Team

Cc: Referring Physician: [Name]

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Appendix E: Patient Rebook [3x] – Patient New Referral Notice

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Dear [Patient Name],

Our records indicate that you cancelled your appointment on two occasions; [Date at Time] and [Date at Time]. Appointment cancellations make it difficult to use the appointment time for another patient.

If you cancel the next appointment (three cancelled appointments), we will discharge you from care from our Colposcopy Clinic. You will then need to be re-referred which may cause a delay in your treatment.

We are interested in your health care and hope to hear from you soon. If you have any questions regarding your appointment, please contact [department or person] at the [Colposcopy Clinic] at [Clinic phone number].

Sincerely,

The Colposcopy Team

Cc: Referring Physician: [Name]

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Appendix F: Patient No-Show – Primary Care Provider NewReferral Notice

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Referring Physician: [Name]

Thank you for referring the above patient to our [Colposcopy Clinic]. Due to the reason indicated below, we are not able to see this patient.

- □ We have attempted to contact the patient to schedule an appointment, however, we have been unable to reach them.
- □ We have attempted to contact the patient to arrange an appointment, however, their telephone number is not in service.
- □ The patient indicated they do not wish to participate in our program.
- □ We have contacted the patient to schedule an appointment, however, they indicated that they have an appointment at another facility for the same services.
- □ The referral received is not an appropriate referral for our department.
- □ Other:

Additional Information:

The patient file will be closed at this time. We will require a new referral with updated information if you want your patient to be seen again in this clinic. The Colposcopy Referral Form can be accessed here: <u>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21106.pdf</u>

Sincerely,

Colposcopy Team Cc: Referring Physician: [Name]



Appendix G: Patient Rebook [3x] – Primary Care Provider New Referral Notice

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Referring Physician: [Name]

Thank you for referring the above patient to our [Colposcopy Clinic]. Due to the reason indicated below, we are not able to see this patient.

Please be advised that your patient above has cancelled her appointments three times on:

We have advised your patient of our policy with regard to canceling appointments three times. We have informed her that this notification letter will be sent to your office and encouraged her to contact your office for a new referral.

The patient file will be closed at this time. We will require a new referral with updated information if you want your patient to be seen again in this clinic. The Colposcopy Referral Form can be accessed here: <u>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21106.pdf</u>

Sincerely,

The Colposcopy Team Cc: Referring Physician: [Name] This report is disclosed to the providers copied per HIAs 35(f)(b) for cc

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Appendix H: Colposcopy Quality Practices and Measures

Colposcopy Quality Practices (CPQ)

CQP#	Indicator	Current Target
CQP1	Education requirements for physicians doing colposcopy	100% of physicians doing colposcopy in Alberta meet the guidelines as recommended by the SOGC.
CQP2	Complete Colposcopy form (eColpo) and send documentation to ACCSP	95% of Colposcopists assessments have documented the type of transformation zone and have an option on nature of abnormality and requirements for management.
CQP3	Workload	Each colposcopist to see 100 patients per year to maintain skill and expertise.

Colposcopy Quality Measures (CQM)

CQM#	Indicator	Current Target
CQM1	Proportion of non-gravid women referred for colposcopy with a cytology result of ASC-H, HSIL, Atypical glandular cells, AIS, or Malignancy who have a histological diagnosis in the ACCSP CCS application within 3 months of the referral cytology result.	Target is for 95% of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or higher to have a colposcopy or histology result in the ACCSP CCS application/Colposcopy database within 3 months from the referral cytology result date. Some women may delay or have clinical reasons for not having colposcopy.
CQM2	Proportion of non-gravid women referred for colposcopy with a cytology result of persistent ASC-US or LSIL and/or HPV+ who have a histological diagnosis in the ACCSP CCS application within 6 months of the referral cytology result.	Target is for 95% of women with a referral cytology result of persistent ASC-US or LSIL to be seen by colposcopy within 6 months of the date of the referral cytology result. Some women may delay or have clinical reasons for not having colposcopy.
CQM3	'No-show' rates 'Rebooked – Patient' rates 'Rebooked – Clinic' rates	Number of 'No-shows' and 'Rebooked by patient and by clinic' (Work Load assessment). In addition, report the number of women who had a subsequent visit 12 months post missed appointment.
CQM4	Proportion of non-gravid women with cytology result of ASC-H, HSIL, Atypical	95% of women with referral cytology result of ASC-H or higher will be seen in colposcopy and have a biopsy or an ECC done.



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	glandular cells, AIS or Malignancy who had colposcopy and had a biopsy and/or ECC done.	
CQM5	Adequacy of ECC and/or biopsy specimen for histological diagnosis.	Target is to achieve an adequacy rate of 90% or higher.
CQM6	Correlation of referral cytology result (most severe) with histology result done within 12 months of referral cytology result stratified by type of biopsy.	Cytology Histology Agreement.
CQM7	Correlation between colposcopic impression and biopsy result.	 Initial targets: agreement between colposcopic impression and histology result at least 65% of the time. Targets for other correlations relationships will be determined once baseline data is available.
CQM8	Cytology or histology result is available in the ACCSP Colposcopy database within 18 months of patient discharge from Colposcopy care.	Target is to have the 85% or higher of women who complete colposcopy services to have a cytology or histology result in the ACCSP application within 18 months of being discharged from colposcopy services.
CQM9	Treatment Success Proportion of women with a histologically confirmed diagnosis of HSIL or worse who have no evidence of HSIL on cytology or histology results done within 18 months of patient discharge from colposcopy services.	Target is for 90% or higher to <u>not have HSIL</u> on cytology or histology done within 18 months of discharge from colposcopy services.
CQM10	Communication with current referring service provider. Proportion of time the colposcopist communicates the results of the colposcopy evaluation and recommendations for patient management to the Primary Care service provider within 60 days of colposcopy assessment.	Target is that 95% of the time, Colposcopists will provide the current service provider with the results of the colposcopic evaluation and recommended patient management plan within 60 days of the colposcopy assessment.



Appendix I: Colposcopy Visit Notification Letter

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information

Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Referring Physician: [Name]

Dear [Patient],

You have been referred to the Colposcopy Clinic by your primary care provider.

Your appointment is scheduled [Date / DD/MM/YYYY] at [Time] at [Colposcopy Clinic]. [Include process for confirming appointment, if applicable and any other relevant details such as where to park, checking in at registration, where the clinic is located.]

[Indicate any enclosed materials or resources].

Please ensure that your contact information as listed above is current. If updates are required, please have your referring doctor send our clinic this updated information as soon as possible.

Should there be a change to the urgency of the referral, please contact your referring doctor to send an updated referral request to our clinic.

If you have questions or require additional information, feel free to contact [specify who the patient should contact such as Ambulatory Care or Colposcopist] us at the numbers above.

The following video has been provided to help inform you regarding your clinic visit.

A Patient's Guide to Colposcopy: What to expect when having a colposcopy? You can access the video here: <u>https://youtu.be/57EXw9oU9TA</u>



Appendix J: Colposcopy Visit Reminder Letter

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Referring Physician: [Name]

Colposcopy Visit Reminder

Dear [Patient],

Your appointment is scheduled [Date / DD/MM/YYYY] at [Time] at [Colposcopy Clinic]. [Include process for confirming appointment, if applicable and any other relevant details such as where to park, checking in at registration, where the clinic is located.]

[Indicate any enclosed materials or resources].

Please ensure that your contact information as listed above is current. If updates are required, please have your referring doctor send our clinic this updated information as soon as possible.

Should there be a change to the urgency of the referral, please contact your doctor to send an updated referral request to our clinic.

If you have questions or require additional information, feel free to contact [specify who the patient should contact such as Ambulatory Care or Colposcopist] us at the numbers above.

Thank you,

The Colposcopy Team Cc: Referring Physician: [Name]



Appendix K: Referring Primary Care Provider Confirmation of Referral

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Dear [Primary Care Provider]

The following appointment has been scheduled for the above mentioned patient:

Appointment scheduled [Date / DD/MM/YYYY] at [Time] at [Colposcopy Clinic]

Please note the following:

- Do not give a copy of this letter to the patient; it is intended for your use only.
- [Indicate how the patient will be notified]

If you have any questions regarding the new patient appointment please call the [Colposcopy Clinic / phone number]

Sincerely,

The Colposcopy Team Cc: Referring Physician: [Name]


Appendix L: Alberta Colposcopy Record

Service	a Health es	Colp	oscopy F	Record	
ULI/PHN	□-□□	Date of Birth	yyyy /	/ F	orm needs to be fully complete in order to be proccessed.
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Last Name Referring Prac		First Name			
Reason for C				N	lotes:
Referral Cytolog		tment Followup		al Abnormality Dvsplasia	
	Malignant L	one 🔲 + exo 🔲 + e aser			Treatment Visit #
	Date of Pap	yyyy mm		I Condyloma	Followup #
History Gravidity Pa	arity	Previous L	Reason	real	unocompromised 🔲 Yes 📃 No raception 📄 None 📄 Barrier 🔲 Tubal 📄 Depo
		Previous C	Cone		
			Сгуо		ent Smoker Yes No erectomy Yes No Year
Pregnant D of Weeks		-	Condyloma	HPV	Vaccine 0 1 2 3 Year
Colposcopic			Colposcopist Prac ID Po	erforming Exam Fa	acility or Health Clinic
Transformation Zone		I 🔲 Type III			
Endometrial Biopsy	Yes No _	Biopsy Result	ECC		
Impression	Done 🗌	Done	Done	Final Diagnosis	Recommendations
Check One	Not Done	Not Done	Check One	Check One	Date: / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /
Negative	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory		Other HPV (ToC)	Discharge due to NS/LTFU/Unable to contact X 3
Benign Atypia		Negative	Unsatisfactory	Negative	Discharge: Screening Cytology 12 months
HPV features		Condyloma	Negative	Positive Negative	Discharge: No routine screening
	ASC-US	SIL unqualified	HPV features	NIL - HPV only Condyloma	Repeat colposcopy 2-3 months postpartum
Cervix Cervix ISIL	LSIL	Cervix Cervix		SIL unqualified	Laser cervix vagina vulva
Vagina 🔲 LSIL	ASC-H	Vagina LSIL		Cervix 🔲 L	
	Atyp Gland C		SIL unqualified	Vagina 🔲 Li	SIL LEEP Conization
Vulva 🔲 LSIL		Vulva 🔲 LSIL	HSIL	Ulva L	
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Appendix M: ACCSP Colposcopy QI Committee Guidelines



¹Final Colpo Diagnosis: based on impression +/- repeat cytology, bx, ECC ²Persistent LSIL acceptable to offer treatment March, 2018



Appendix N: SOGC Joint Clinical Practice Guideline (Highgrades)

MANAGING ASC-H

A woman with an ASC-H Pap smear should have colposcopy to rule out CIN 2 or 3 and/or cancer. (II-2A)

Biopsies should be performed on any identifiable lesions at colposcopy. (II-2A)

With an ASC-H Pap smear, the finding of negative colposcopy does not automatically warrant a diagnostic excisional procedure. (III-E)

MANAGING HSIL

All women with an HSIL test result should have colposcopy. (II-2A)

In the absence of an identifiable lesion at colposcopy, whether satisfactory or unsatisfactory, an endocervical curettage and directed biopsies should be performed. (III-B)

In women with HSIL, when the transformation zone is not seen in its entirety and endocervical curettage and/or biopsy results are negative, a diagnostic excisional procedure should be considered. (III-B)









Appendix O: Patient Discharge Letter

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Dear [Patient Name],

After being seen at your last Colposcopy appointment, the specialist has determined that you can go back to regular routine Pap test screening due in 12 months.

If you do not have a regular family doctor, you may call Health Link at 811 to ask which family doctors may be accepting new patients.

Sincerely,

The Colposcopy Team Cc: Referring Physician: [Name]

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Appendix P: Primary Care Provider Discharge Letter

Date:

Colposcopy Clinic Name / Address

Patient Information Name: Birthdate: Sex: ACB#: Alberta PHN #: Age:

Referring Physician: [Name]

Thank you for referring the above patient to our [Colposcopy Clinic].

[Patient Name] is being discharged from our [Colposcopy Clinic].

Please note that we have determined that your patient can go back to regular routine Pap test screening due in 12 months.

Follow-up needs to be arranged by [Referring Provider(s) on record] for this patient.

If any new or related abnormalities develop, we would be pleased to see her again with a new referral.

Sincerely,

The Colposcopy Team

Cc: Referring Physician: [Name]

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Appendix Q: Annual Colposcopy Report





Executive Summary

In 2020, our world was disrupted by the global COVID-19 pandemic. This led to total cessation and/or reduction in screening and colposcopy services respectively for a period of time around the province. Thus, some of the colonoscopy quality measures were affected due the reduced capacity within colposcopy clinics to align with public health safety measures and the prioritization of high-grades over low-grades. Over the past year, screening and colposcopy services continue to be impacted by the various waves of the pandemic. We applaud everyone for their tenacity and resilience during these times. This 2020 report affirms that together we can build healthy communities and healthy Albertans.

Since November 2019, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has been moving into the Connect Care platform to facilitate the use and sharing of health information to improve patient care. This migration also resulted in changes on how data is received by the Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP) from colposcopy clinics. As with any change management process, this is currently a work in progress as the ACCSP continues to align with the changing environment and the program's partnership with colposcopy clinics and quality improvement strategies for better and efficient health services delivery to eligible Albertans.

In 2020, ACCSP received a total of 19,503 Colposcopy Record Forms from Colposcopists, a 13.1% decrease in forms from year 2019. Overall, the completion rate of required fields was excellent, but there is room for improvement in optional fields, especially those pertaining to patient history.

All colposcopists' documentation of the type of transformation zone seen and opinion on nature of abnormality and requirements for management exceeded the 95% target (CQP2).

Of women with a referral cytology of ASC-H or worse, 62.8% were seen within 6 weeks, 90.5% were seen within 3 months (target is 95%) and the median (IQR*) wait was 34 (17,56) days. For persistent ASC-US or LSIL, 85.8% were seen within 6 months (target is 95%), here the median (IQR) wait was 111 (58,153) days.

16,924 colposcopy exams were performed in 2020. 13.2% of all colposcopy appointments were No-Shows or Rebooks, which represented a similar proportion as last year.

9.6% of referral cytology results were ASC-US, 22.3% were low grade and 34% were high grade abnormalities. Cytology was performed during 46.7% of first colposcopy visits.

"IQR: Interquartile range is a measure of statistical dispersion, being equal to the difference between 75th and 25th percentiles.

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Colposcopy exam results are summarized as follows:

- 87.6% of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or worse had a colposcopic biopsy, 86.4% had an ECC and 98.4% had either a biopsy or an ECC (target 95% for either – CQM4).
- Biopsy satisfactory rate was 97.3%, while the satisfactory rate for ECC was 94.8%.
- For 95.5% of colposcopy exams that involved a biopsy, the colposcopic impression and biopsy result were the same or within one step (i.e. NIL – Low grade – High grade – microinvasion – malignant).
- 48.8% of the diagnostic recommendations were to repeat colposcopy, 37.1% were discharged to screening and 12.5% were recommended treatment. LEEP was the most common treatment recommended (i.e. 9.8% of all recommendations and 78.5% of treatment recommendations).
- HPV reflex tests resulted in 23.2% of the first-time referrals to colposcopy. Of the 1,498 positive reflex tests, 1,283 (85.6%) were for women over 30 years of age with ASC-US and 161 (10.7%) for women over 50 years of age with LSIL. 46 (3.1%) of HPV tests were performed at the request of pathologist or colposcopist.

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Chapter One: Program Information and Colposcopist Participation

1. Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP)

The Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP) is a population based program coordinated by Alberta Health Services (AHS) Screening Programs. The ACCSP's mission is to reduce cervical cancer incidence and mortality through early detection and treatment of precursor conditions. The Program is a provincial collaborative involving Albertans, healthcare providers, laboratories, health zones and other key stakeholders.

Since 2003, the ACCSP Colposcopy Quality Improvement Committee has undertaken quality improvement activities for colposcopists and colposcopy clinics delivering cervical cancer screening and treatment services in Alberta. To assist in monitoring women's follow-up and to support professional quality improvement and assurance for colposcopy, the ACCSP encourages colposcopists across Alberta to complete a Colposcopy Record Form for each procedure and at the end of each month, send a copy of the forms to the program. For clinics on Connect Care, the request is for each encounter to be documented in the electronic Colposcopy Record Form and the program will extract the data. This report is intended to support quality improvement activities.

2. Colposcopy Record Form

The 2020 colposcopy data analyzed for this annual report were provided to the ACCSP by colposcopists on Colposcopy Record Forms as of October 8, 2021. The overall validity of results is dependent on the quality and completeness of each form.

3. Participating Colposcopists

62 colposcopists submitted forms to the ACCSP in 2020.

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4. Number of Forms Received and Processed

ACCSP received a total of 19,503 Colposcopy Record Forms for year 2020 (Table 1), which represented a 13.1% decrease from 2019. On average 1,625 forms were received each month.

Month	Number	Percentage
January	2,169	11%
February	1,739	9%
March	1,371	7%
April	1,089	6%
Мау	1,172	6%
June	1,797	9%
July	1,615	8%
August	1,624	8%
September	1,883	10%
October	1,746	9%
November	1,622	8%
December	1,676	9%
Total	19,503	100%

Table 1. Colposcopy Forms Processed by ACCSP per month in 2020

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Table 2. Referral cytology at first colposcopy visit with HPV+ reason (n=1,498)

	Pap Test Result	N	Percent
	ASC-US	1,283	85.6%
HPV Reflex Test done	LSIL	161	10.7%
	NIL	8	0.5%
Others		46	3.1%
Total		1,498	100%

The purpose of reflex HPV testing is to detect the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in a Pap test sample, to help decide what follow up is needed for women older than 30 years of age with a low grade Pap test result of ASC-US or women over 50 years of age with a low grade Pap test result of LSIL. 23.2% of first-time referrals to colposcopy were HPV Reflex positive cytology tests. Of the 1,498 positive reflex tests, 1,283 (85.6%) were for women over 30 years of age with ASC-US and 161 (10.7%) for women over 50 years of age with LSIL. 46 (3.1%) of HPV tests were performed at the request of pathologist or colposcopist.

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5. Final Recommendations for the Most Recent Visit

Table 3. Recommendations (n=14,044)

Recommendations	Number	Percent
Discharge due to NS	4	0.0%
Discharge annual screening	5,112	36.4%
Discharge no routine screening	95	0.7%
Repeat 2-3 months postpartum	117	0.8%
Repeat 6 months postpartum	1	0.0%
Repeat colposcopy in X months	6,735	48.0%
Laser	300	2.1%
LEEP	1,374	9.8%
Conization	33	0.2%
Hysterectomy	44	0.3%
Other Specify	185	1.3%
QA Review	44	0.3%
Total	14,044	100%

5,211 (37.1%) of the final recommendations included discharge to screening at either 6 or 12 months.

6,853 (48.8%) of the final recommendations included repeat colposcopic examination in a specified number of months.

1,751 (12.5%) of the final recommendations included treatment. LEEP was the most common treatment recommended, i.e. 1,374 (9.8%) of all recommendations and 78.5% of treatment recommendations.

Laser	Number	Percent
Cervix	147	48.7%
Cervix & Vagina	8	2.6%
Vagina	34	11.3%
Vagina & Vulva	10	3.3%
Vulva	103	34.1%
Total	302	100%

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Colposcopy QI Committee Annual Report for 2020

Summary

62 colposcopists submitted forms to the ACCSP in 2020. For women undergoing their first visit, 34% of their referral cytology indicated high-grade abnormalities, 22.3% indicated low grade and 9.6% indicated ASC-US. Colposcopic cytology was completed at 46.7% of the first colposcopy visits and at 70.8% of visits overall. The most common final recommendation was "Repeat colposcopy in X months". 37.1% of final recommendations included discharge to screening.

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CQM 1: Proportion of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or worse who are seen in colposcopy within 3 months of the date of the referral cytology result

Target: 95% of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or worse are seen by colposcopy within 3 months of the date of the referral cytology.

Table 4. Proportion of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or worse

Wait Time	Number of new patients seen by colposcopy	Percent
< 6 Weeks	1,384	62.8%
6 Weeks - 3 months	610	27.7%
4 months - 6 months	143	6.5%
7 months - 12 months	55	2.5%
>12 months	12	0.5%
Total	2,204	100%

This analysis is restricted to the 2,204 cases where the Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (CCS database) has a record of referral cytology.

62.8% of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or worse were seen in colposcopy within δ weeks from the date of referral cytology. 90.5% of women with a referral cytology result of ASC-H or worse were seen in colposcopy within 3 months of the date of referral cytology, the median (IQR) wait time was 34 (17,56) days.







CQM 2: Proportion of women referred for colposcopy with a referral cytology result of persistent ASC-US or persistent LSIL who are seen by colposcopy within 6 months of the date of the referral cytology result

Target: 95% of women with a referral cytology result of persistent ASC-US or LSIL to be seen by colposcopy within 6 months of the date of the referral cytology result.

Table 5. Proportion of women referred for colposcopy with a referral cytology result of persistent ASC-US or persistent LSIL

Wait Time	Number of new patients seen by colposcopy	Percent	
< 6 Weeks	561	15.9%	
6 Weeks - 3 months	797	22.6%	
4 months - 6 months	1,674	47.4%	
7 months - 12 months	449	12.7%	
>12 months	51	1.4%	
Total	3,532	100%	

This analysis is restricted to the 3,532 cases where the Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (CCS database) has a record of referral cytology.

Only 85.8% of women with a referral cytology result of persistent ASC-US or LSIL were seen in colposcopy within 6 months of the date of the referral cytology, although the median (IQR) wait time was 111 (58,153) days.













CQM 5: Satisfactory ECC and/or biopsy specimen for histological diagnosis

Target: Adequacy rate of 90% or more.

- Histology results are not currently being captured in the ACCSP CCS application. This data was reported by the colposcopist on the Colposcopy Record Forms.
- The proportion of biopsies reported as unsatisfactory was 1.0%. Taking into account both those that were
 unsatisfactory and those for which no details were provided, the adequacy rate for biopsies was at least 97.3%.

Result	Biopsy	ECC
NILM	3,248 (37.1%)	7,251 (69.7%)
HPV	565 (6.5%)	606 (5.8%)
Condyloma	10 (0.1%)	0
LSIL	2,320 (26.5%)	814 (7.8%)
Cervix LSIL	3 (0.0%)	0
SIL Unspecified	183 (2.1%)	369 (3.5%)
HSIL	2,051 (23.4%)	710 (6.8%)
Vulva HSIL	2 (0.0%)	0
Vulva Dvin	3 (0.0%)	0
AIS	46 (0.5%)	61 (0.6%)
Malignant	73 (0.8%)	26 (0.3%)
Microinvasion	8 (0.1%)	3 (0.0%)
Unsatisfactory	90 (1.0%)	512 (4.9%)
Done, no details	147 (1.7%)	25 (0.2%)
Total	8,749 (100%)	10,398 (100%)

Table 8. Satisfactory ECC and/or biopsy specimen for histological diagnosis

• This performance measure is under review by the Colposcopy QI Committee.

The proportion of ECC's reported as unsatisfactory was 4.9%. Taking into account both those that were
unsatisfactory and those for which no details were provided, the adequacy rate for ECC's was at least 94.8%.

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Appendix R: Annual Colposcopy Clinic Report





Appendix S: Annual Individual Colposcopist Report

