

HPV Self-Sampling Primary Care Provider (PCP) Follow-Up Table

Background

The HPV Self-Sampling (also known as Cervix Self-Screening) Pilot Project is an Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP) initiative, funded by Alberta Health.

How is HPV self-sampling different?



HPV self-sampling allows eligible patients to self-collect a vaginal sample, mail it to the lab and have it tested for the presence of high-risk HPV strains. HPV testing is more effective than cytology in identifying people at risk of developing cervical cancer.

For more information about the pilot project visit ahsweb.ca/HEE/HPVtesting or scan the QR code.

HPV Self-Sampling Test Result	PCP Follow-Up	
	Immunocompetent Patients	Immunocompromised* Patients
Not Detected (no high-risk strain detected)	Return to screening in 5 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next screening test could be with PCP or self-screening. 	Return to screening in 3 years or as clinically indicated.
Detected – HPV type 16 or 18	Facilitated referral* to colposcopy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP) will refer on behalf of PCP. PCP will be cc'd on the referral. PCP refers if ACCSP is unable to reach patient by phone. Letter will be sent to PCP to advise if referral is required. Patient will receive letter with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result and referral information OR Result and advice to contact PCP for referral. 	Same process as immunocompetent patients.
Detected – Other HR HPV Genotype	PCP to do triage Pap test after initial and 12-month positive Other HR HPV result. Result of Pap test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal/ASC-US/LSIL: patient to re-test for HPV in 12 months. *ACCSP will mail self-sampling kit to patient. ASC-H/HSIL/AGC/AIC: PCP to refer patient to colposcopy. Patient will receive letter with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result and advice to see PCP for Pap test. 	Facilitated referral* to colposcopy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCSP will refer on behalf of PCP. PCP will be cc'd on the referral. PCP refers if ACCSP is unable to reach patient by phone. Letter will be sent to PCP to advise if referral is required. Patient will receive letter with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result and referral information OR Result and advice to contact PCP for referral.
	After 24 months from initial positive Other HR HPV result: Facilitated referral* to colposcopy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCSP will refer on behalf of PCP. PCP will be cc'd on the referral. PCP refers if ACCSP is unable to reach patient by phone. Letter will be sent to PCP to advise if referral is required. Patient will receive letter with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result and referral information OR Result and advice to contact PCP for referral. 	Same process as immunocompetent patients.
Indeterminate (a valid result could not be obtained for the specific genotype listed)	1st indeterminate result: ACCSP will mail patient another self-screening test kit. 2nd indeterminate result: The risk is considered low. Re-screening in 3 years is recommended, unless there are clinical indications to screen sooner.	Same process as immunocompetent patients.

***Immunocompromised:** Patients with HIV, lymphoproliferative disorders, organ transplantation, long-term use of oral corticosteroids, or common/long term use of immunosuppressant, tumor necrosis factor inhibitors. For more information please see [cervical-cancer-screening-cpg.pdf \(albertadoctors.org\)](https://www.albertadoctors.org/cervical-cancer-screening-cpg.pdf)

***Facilitated Referral:** ACCSP will refer patients to colposcopy on behalf of a PCP to expedite access to follow-up. If the patient provides the ACCSP with the name of a PCP, the PCP will be cc'd on the referral. If the ACCSP is unable to contact a patient by phone, the patient will be sent a mailed letter advising to follow-up with the PCP for referral to colposcopy. Patients will be discharged to the care of their PCP after colposcopy.