# **Final Discharge Recommendations**

Colposcopy services: **Post-hysterectomy**

Colposcopist’s name:

Contact information:

Patient information:

Date:

This patient is discharged from colposcopy. They had a total hysterectomy (their uterus and cervix have been removed) and no longer need cervical screening.

A one-time HPV test of the vaginal vault[[1]](#endnote-2)\* in primary care may be considered based on cervical histology results at the time of hysterectomy and history of cervical cancer. Find your next steps below:

* **Patient may be eligible for a one-time HPV test of the vaginal vault six to 12 months post-hysterectomy**
* There was evidence of dysplasia (LSIL, HSIL or AIS histology) in the hysterectomy specimen or stage 1A1 microinvasive cervical cancer (1 to 3 millimeters of invasion) in the excisional or hysterectomy specimen
  + If the result is HPV-negative, no more HPV testing is needed
  + If the result is HPV-positive, regardless of HPV type or reflex cytology, refer to colposcopy
  + If the result is invalid, repeat the HPV test, and if the repeat HPV test is invalid, refer to colposcopy
* **Patient is not eligible for HPV testing**
* There was no evidence of dysplasia (LSIL, HSIL or AIS histology) in the hysterectomy specimen or stage 1A1 microinvasive cervical cancer (1 to 3 millimeters of invasion) in the excisional or hysterectomy specimen, and/or
* An HPV test was already performed by another provider and the results were managed accordingly

For more information on the Ontario Cervical Screening Program’s guidance for vaginal vault testing, visit [ontariohealth.ca/vaginal-vault](https://ontariohealth.ca/vaginal-vault)

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Additional notes:

1. \* The use of the HPV test is approved by Health Canada for health care provider-collected cervical samples but has not been reviewed or authorized by Health Canada for use in the vaginal vault. HPV test performance has not been specifically evaluated for detecting vaginal precancer/cancer in relevant populations, therefore risks to the patient may include, but are not limited to, a decrease in testing accuracy. The Ontario Cervical Screening Program Guidance for Vaginal Vault Testing has been developed by Ontario Health in consultation with a multidisciplinary, international expert panel. Other Canadian and international jurisdictions also provide guidance on using the HPV test in the vaginal vault. The information provided by Ontario Health is not intended to serve as a substitute for a clinician’s professional experience, independent judgment and decision making. Ontario Health assumes no liability whatsoever for any errors or omissions associated with the information provided herein and furthermore assumes no liability for any decision or action taken by the clinician or others in reliance on the information contained in these materials.  [↑](#endnote-ref-2)