

Getting ready for the implementation of human papillomavirus (HPV) testing in the Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP)

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Agenda topics

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Quiz

Question 1

Fill in the blank: Approximately _____ of sexually active people will have at least 1 HPV infection in their lifetime

- a) 50%
- b) 80%
- c) 60%
- d) 20%



Question 2

True or False: Almost all cervical cancers are caused by persistent infection with oncogenic types of HPV

- a) True
- b) False



Question 3

Fill in the blank: It typically takes _____ for persistent infections with oncogenic types of HPV to develop into cervical cancer

- a) Less than 6 months
- b) 1 to 5 years
- c) 5 to 10 years
- d) 15 to 20 years





Cervical cancer in Ontario and about the OCSP

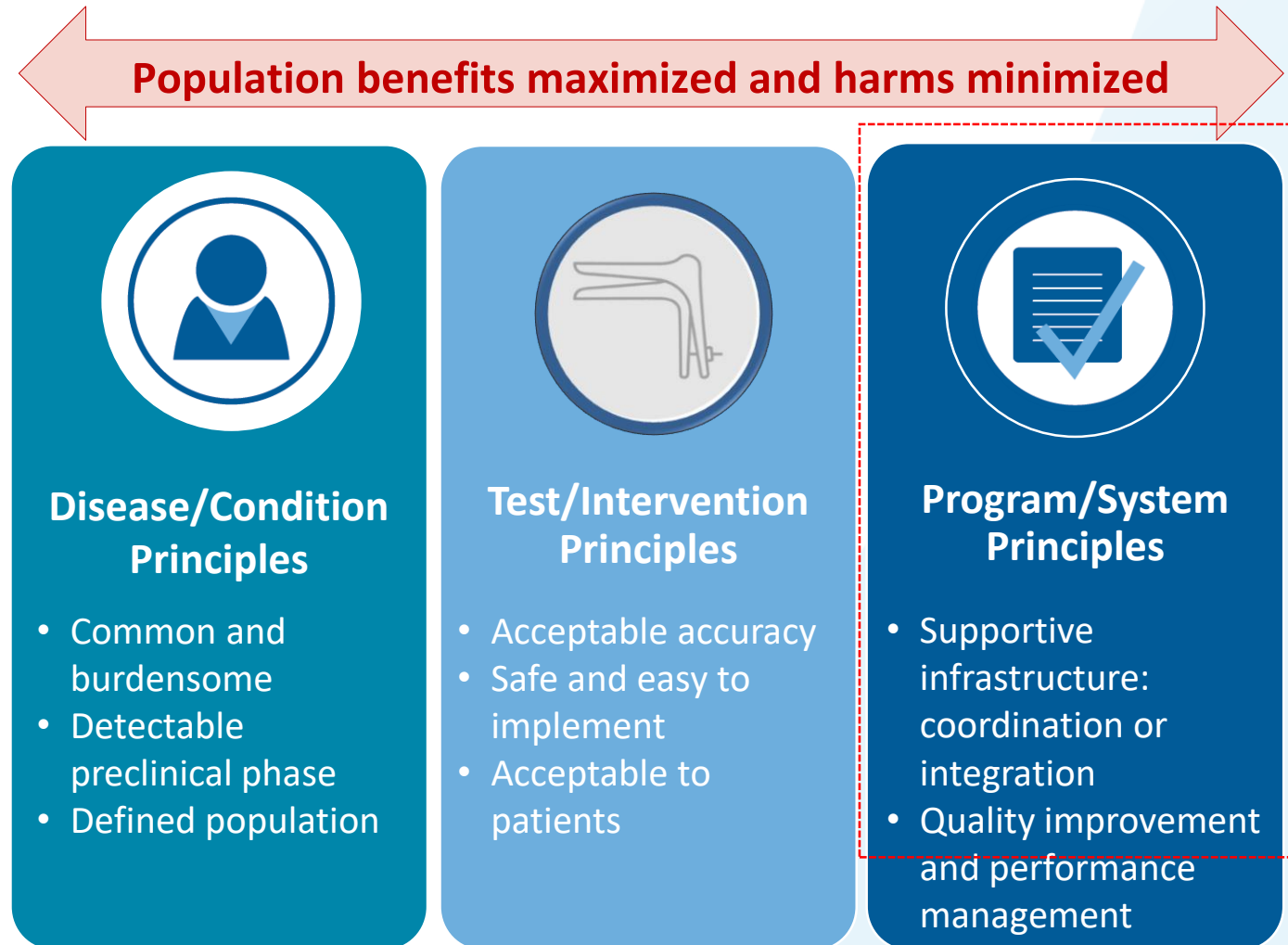
Burden of cervical cancer in Ontario

- About 530 people are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year and 160 die from it
- Most cervical cancers are found in people who have never been screened or have been screened less often than recommended
 - From 2017 to 2019, 35.5% of the people diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer had not been screened in the previous 10 years

The OCSP

- A population-based organized screening program
- Goal is to reduce people's risk of developing or dying from cervical cancer
- Aims to achieve this goal by increasing the percentage of people who get screened regularly and who have timely and appropriate follow-up when necessary

Population-based organized screening





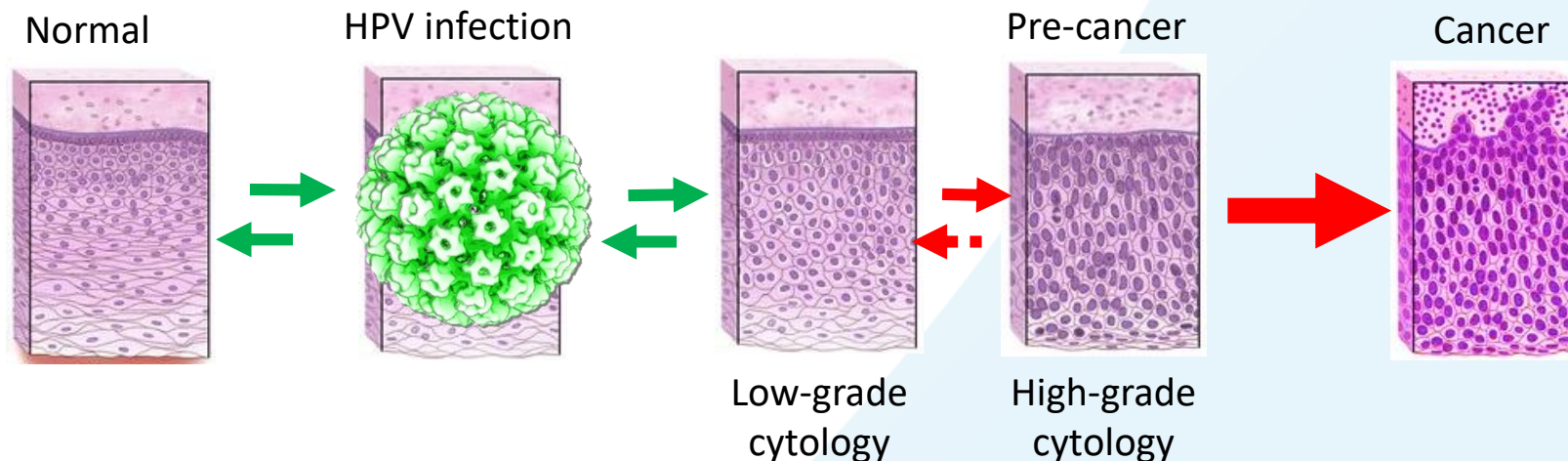
HPV and cervical cancer

About HPV

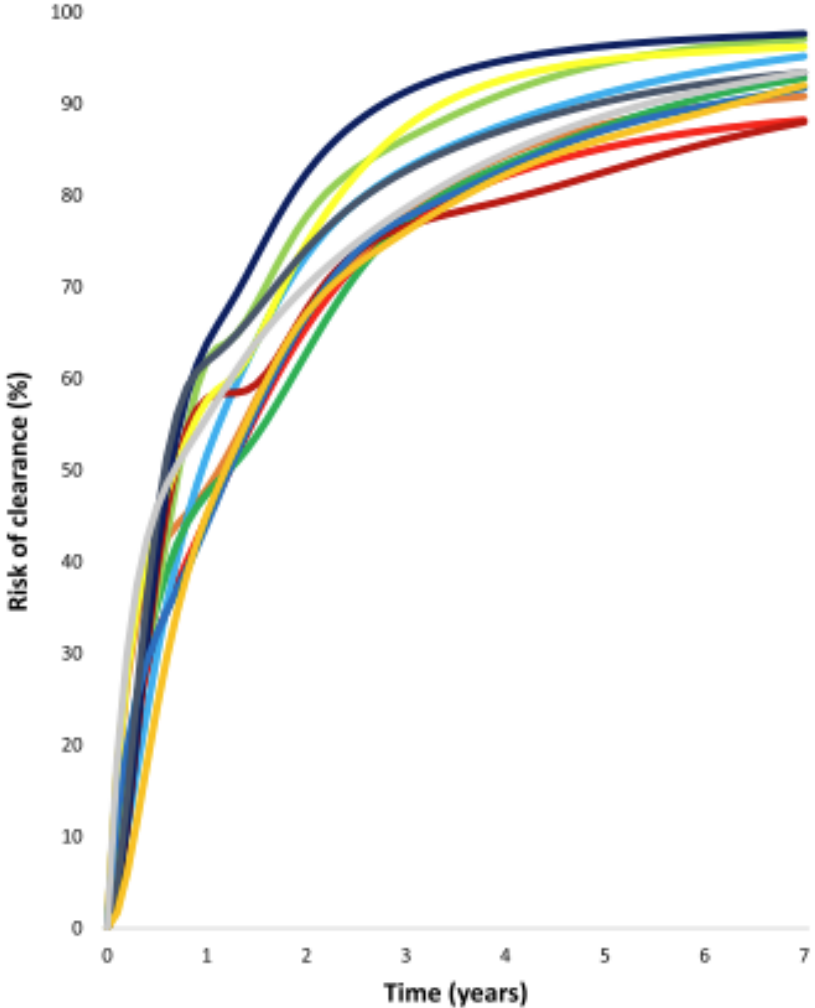
- HPV infections are common and 80% of sexually active people will have at least 1 HPV infection in their lifetime
- There are over 100 types of HPV and 13 types are known to be oncogenic (cancer-causing or high-risk) – HPV types 16, 18 and 45 are of particular concern
- Persistent infection with oncogenic types of HPV is the main cause of cervical cancer

Natural history of cervical cancer

- It takes 15 to 20 years for persistent infection with oncogenic types of HPV to develop into cervical cancer



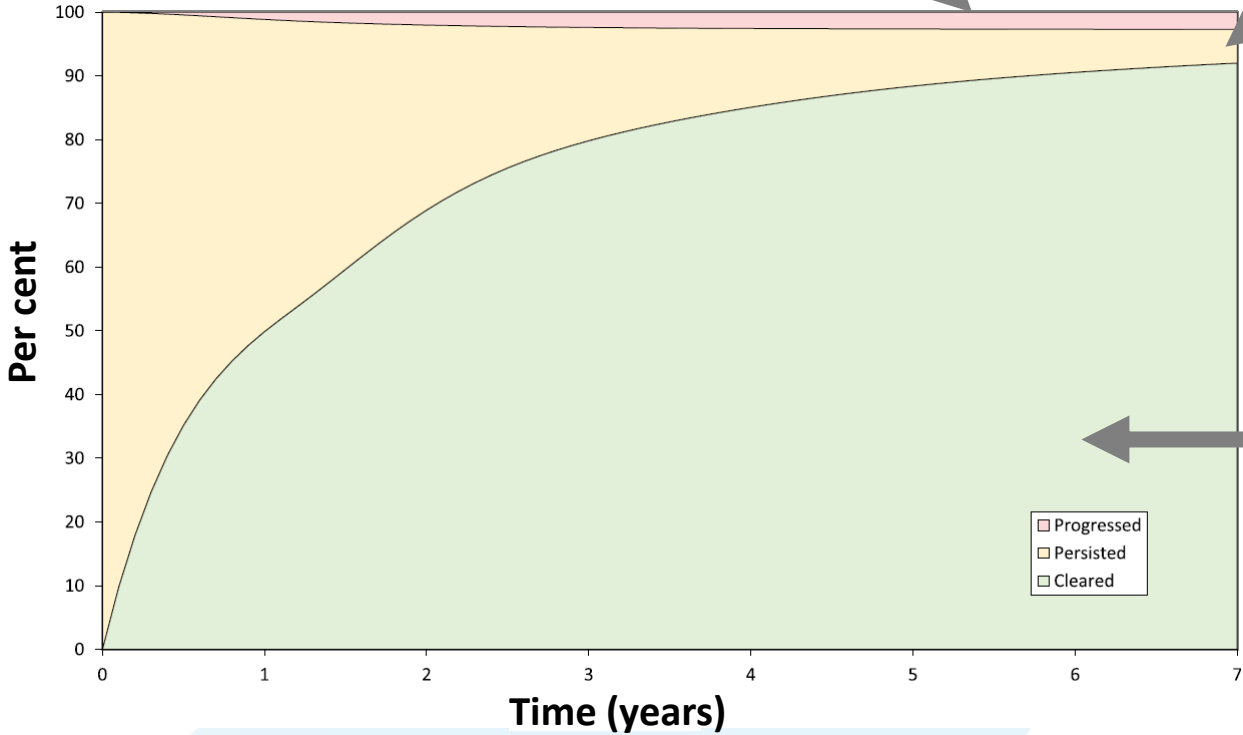
Natural history of HPV clearance



- 16
- 18
- 45
- 31
- 35
- 33
- 39
- 51
- 52
- 56
- 58
- 59

3% of infections progress to cervical pre-cancer or cancer (defined by study as cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN3+))

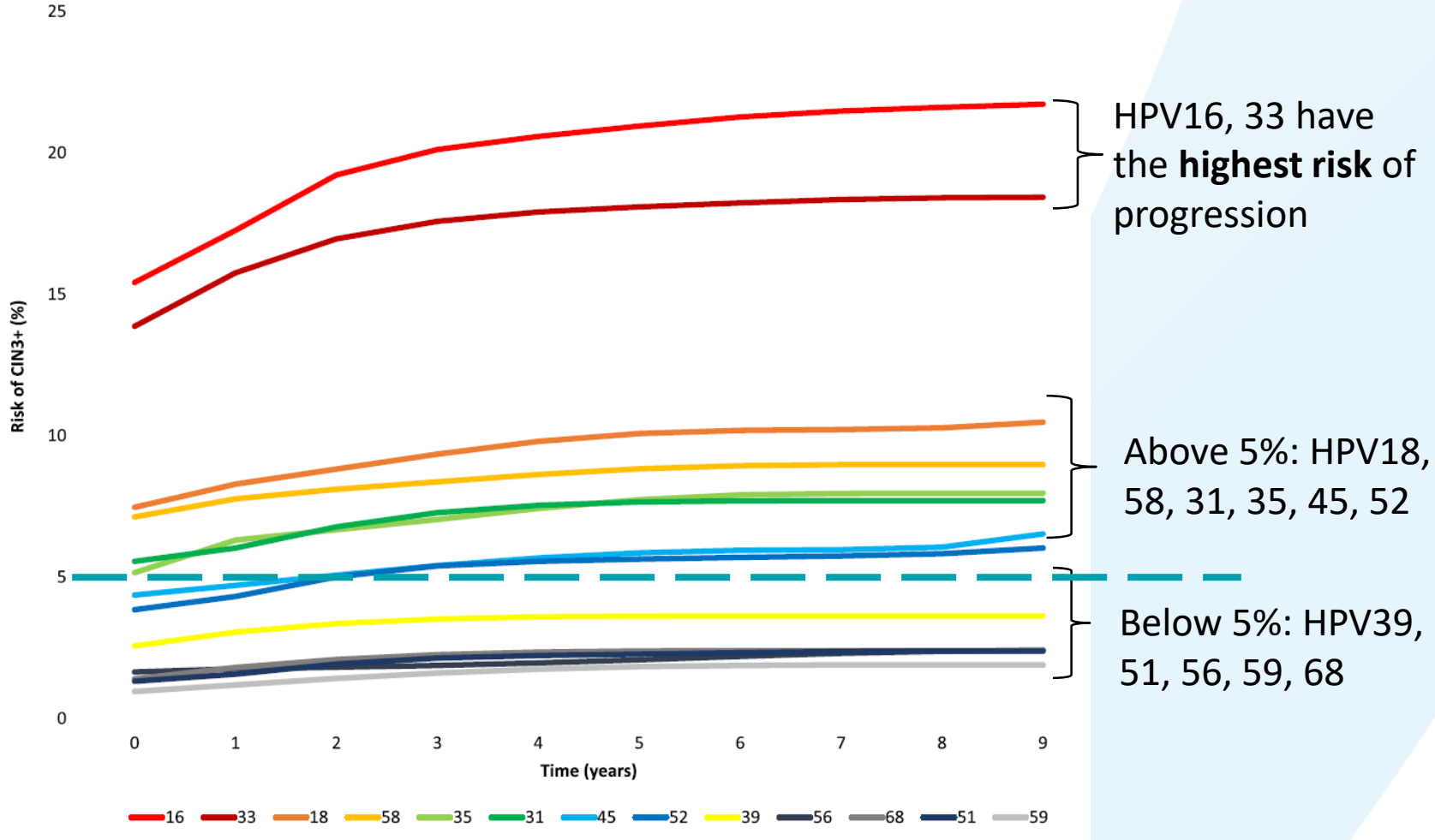
5% of infections persist



More than 90% of infections clear

Source: Demarco M, Hyun N, Carter-Pokras O, et al. A study of type-specific HPV natural history and implications for contemporary cervical cancer screening programs. EClinicalMedicine. 2020;22:100293.

Risk of progression to cervical cancer varies by HPV type



Source: Demarco M, Hyun N, Carter-Pokras O, et al. A study of type-specific HPV natural history and implications for contemporary cervical cancer screening programs. EClinicalMedicine. 2020;22:100293



Understanding HPV testing

HPV testing vs. cytology

	HPV test	Cytology test
One-time sensitivity* (range) ¹	96.1% (94.2% to 97.4%)	53.0% (48.6% to 57.4%)
One-time specificity** (range) ¹	90.7% (90.4% to 91.1%)	96.3% (96.1% to 96.5%)
Detects	Oncogenic (cancer causing) types of HPV	Abnormal cell changes in the cervix
Interpretation	Objective and reproducible ²	Subjective

***Sensitivity:** The effectiveness of a screening test in detecting pre-cancer and cervical cancer in people who have pre-cancer and cervical cancer

****Specificity:** The effectiveness of a screening test in indicating a normal result in people who do not have pre-cancer and cervical cancer

Key takeaway:

HPV testing has higher sensitivity, but lower specificity than cytology testing

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Negative predictive value of HPV tests

# of years after negative HPV test	Outcome	Negative predictive value ^a	Author
5	HSIL histology and cervical cancer (defined in the study as CIN3+)	0.9968	Elfström et al.
6	HSIL or AIS histology and cervical cancer (defined in the study as CIN3+)	0.997	Dillner et al.

^aThe likelihood that negative results will correctly identify people who do not have a high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion (HSIL) or adenocarcinoma in situ (AIS) histology and cervical cancer and will not develop these outcomes in the next 5 years

Key takeaway:

A negative HPV test result has long-term protection against high-grade histology and cervical cancer

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Addressing lower specificity

- HPV testing's lower specificity means it is not as good as cytology at correctly identifying someone who does not have a pre-cancer or cancer
- Specificity can be improved by doing partial genotyping and reflex cytology

Partial genotyping in the OCSP

- Partial genotyping will be done **automatically** by a lab on all samples that test positive for oncogenic types of HPV
- Partial genotyping will stratify results as:
 - HPV type 16
 - HPV types 18/45
 - Other high-risk oncogenic types of HPV

Reflex cytology in the OCSP

- A reflex cytology test will also be done **automatically** by a lab on samples that test positive for oncogenic types of HPV
- Reflex cytology checks for the presence or absence of cervical cell changes and whether the changes are high-grade or low-grade

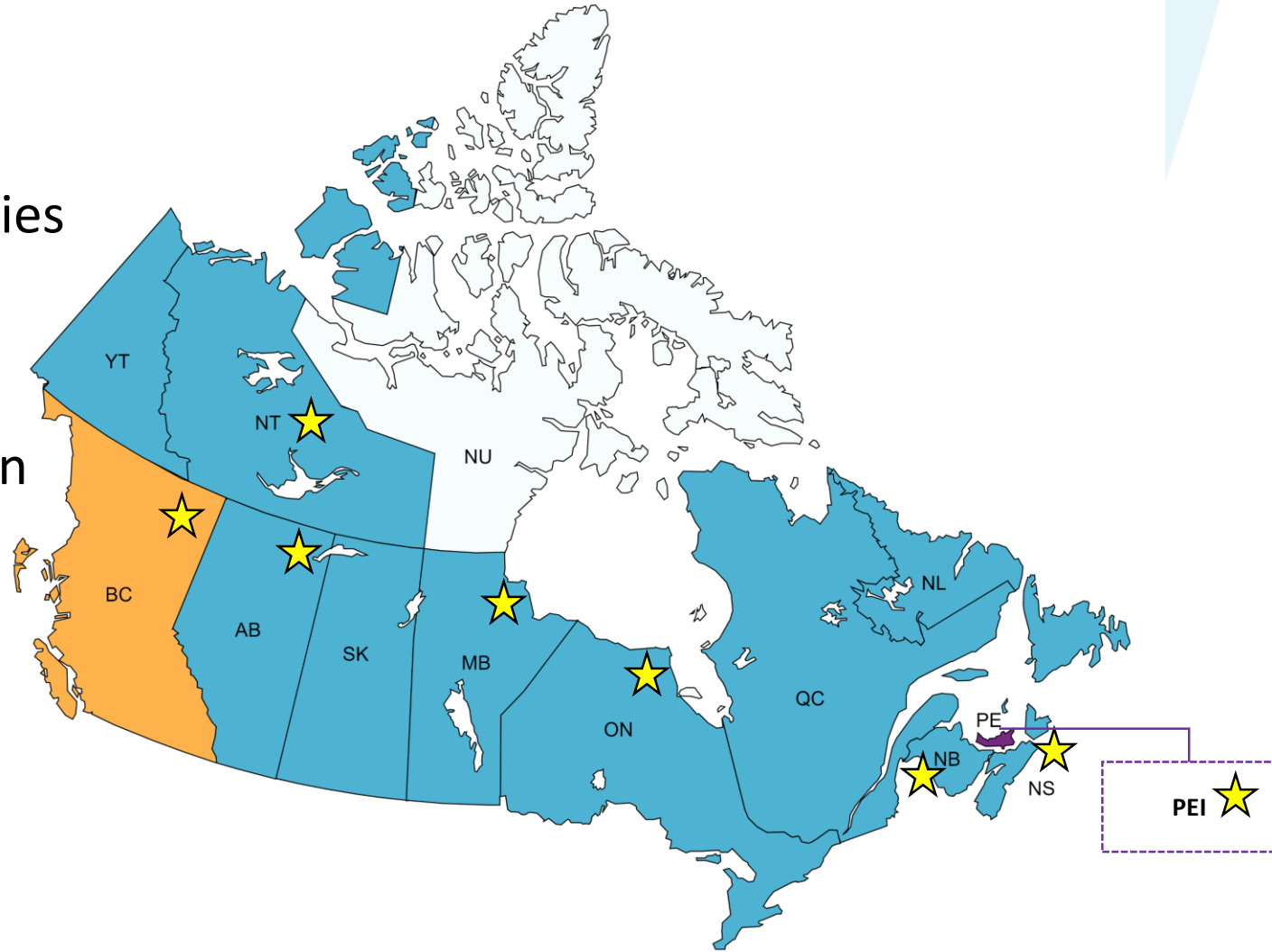
Overview of HPV testing in the OCSP

- The HPV test will become the primary test for cervical screening and will also be used for follow up testing of abnormal results in colposcopy
- The HPV test will only detect oncogenic types of HPV
- **Reflex cytology** and **partial genotyping** will be performed automatically on samples testing positive for HPV

HPV screening in Canada, 2024

- **Status of HPV screening**

- No current HPV screening activities
- Planning for implementation
- Partial implementation
- Jurisdiction-wide implementation
- ★ Plans include self-collection



Benefits of HPV testing

- Better screening test for pre-cancer and early cervical cancer
- Reduces unnecessary colposcopy referral
- Safer, earlier, more appropriate discharge from colposcopy



Improved quality of screening and colposcopy services in Ontario



Cervical screening terminology

HPV testing results

- **HPV-negative:** No oncogenic types of HPV detected
- **HPV-positive (types 16, 18/45):** Oncogenic HPV types 16, 18/45 detected
- **HPV-positive (other high-risk types):** Other oncogenic types of HPV detected

Note:

HPV testing through the OCSP will not test for non-oncogenic types of HPV, such as those that cause genital warts, so a negative HPV test result could still mean someone has HPV

Reflex cytology results


High-grade result types	Low-grade result types	Normal result type
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSIL = high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion• ASC-H = atypical squamous cells, cannot exclude HSIL• LSIL-H = low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, cannot exclude HSIL• AGC-N = atypical glandular cells – favours neoplastic• AGC-NOS = atypical glandular cells – not otherwise specified• AEC-N = atypical endocervical cells – favours neoplastic• AEC-NOS = atypical endocervical cells – not otherwise specified• AIS = adenocarcinoma in situ• SCC = squamous cell carcinoma• ACC = adenocarcinoma• ACC-E = endocervical adenocarcinoma• PDC = poorly differentiated carcinoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASCUS = atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance• LSIL = low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NILM = negative for intraepithelial lesion or malignancy

Cervical pre-cancer

- Abnormal cell growth in the cervix that is considered moderate or severe
- Cervical pre-cancer includes the following **histology** result types:
 - HSIL = High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
 - AIS = Adenocarcinoma in situ



New cervical screening recommendations



Cervical screening eligibility

Eligibility for cervical screening

- Have a cervix
- Are age **≥25**
- Have ever been sexually active
- Have Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage
- Have no symptoms suggestive of cervical cancer




Age of initiation

Age of initiation recommendations

- Start at **age 25** for people with a cervix who have ever been sexually active
- Start age is the same for people who are immunocompetent, immunocompromised and vaccinated for HPV
- Do not screen:
 - People younger than age 25 who are sexually active
 - People who have never been sexually active

Evidence supporting age of initiation

- Cervical cancer is extremely rare in people under age 25
- From 2016 to 2020:
 - **29** new cases of cervical cancer were diagnosed in people under age 25 in Ontario
 - **3,058 new** cases were diagnosed for all ages
 - **11** of these new cases were diagnosed in people ages 21 to 24
- Screening people under age 25 may result in follow-up tests and treatments that do not benefit them
- There is insufficient evidence on the benefit of cervical screening in immunocompromised people before age 25



Cervical screening categories and pathway

Background

- Not all people with HPV-positive results will be referred to colposcopy
- The OCSP assessed published literature and Ontario data to determine who should be referred to colposcopy based on their risk of cervical pre-cancer and cancer - known as the **“colposcopy referral threshold”**
- Aligns with the principle of “equal management for equal risk”

Key takeaway:

The OCSP’s colposcopy referral threshold is $\geq 6\%$, which has informed the cervical screening pathway

Risk-based screening recommendations

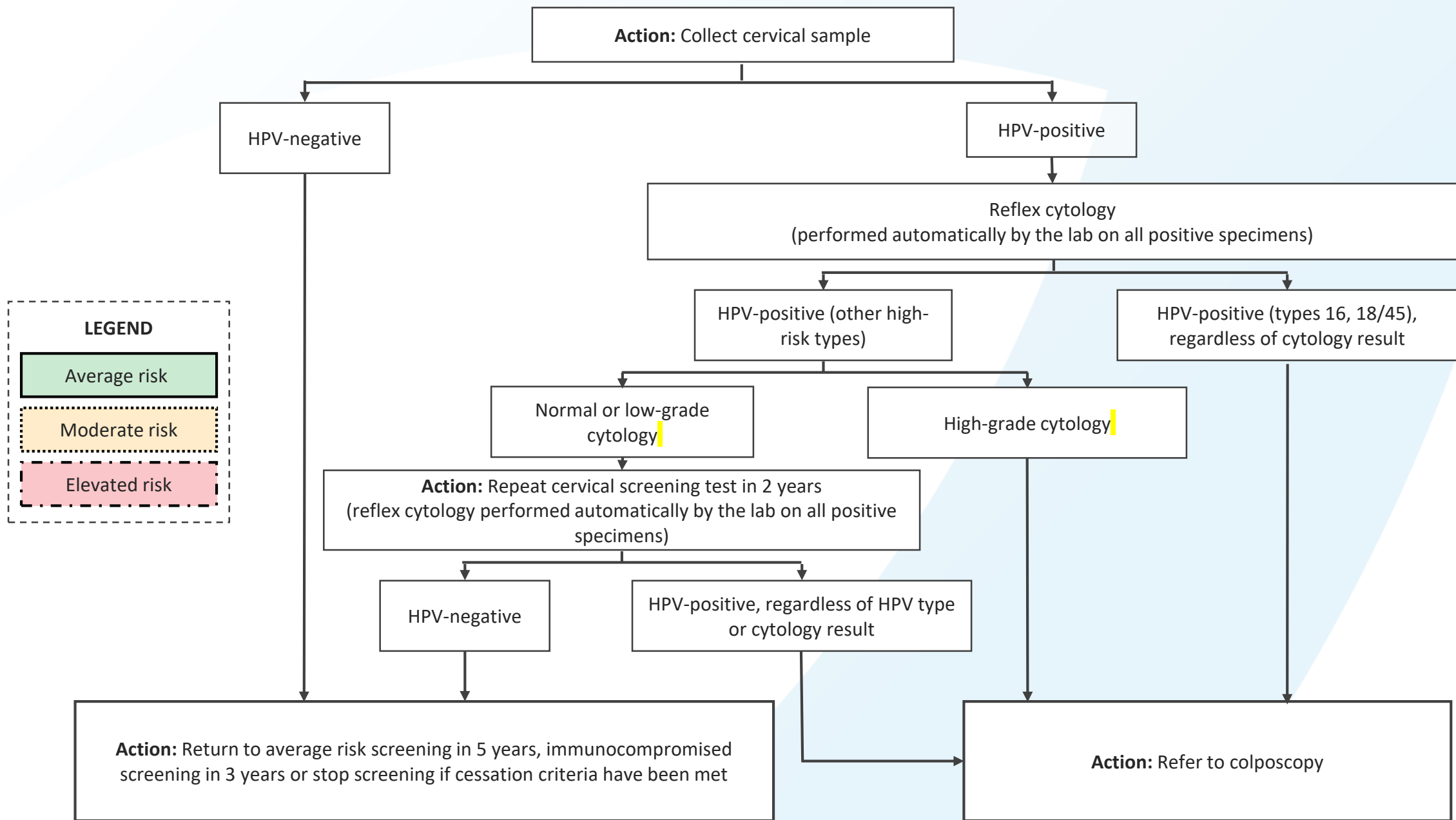
- The OCSP has 4 risk-based screening categories
- Recommendations for each category are based on the risk of cervical pre-cancer and cancer
 - Risk is determined by someone's most recent cervical screening result and immune status

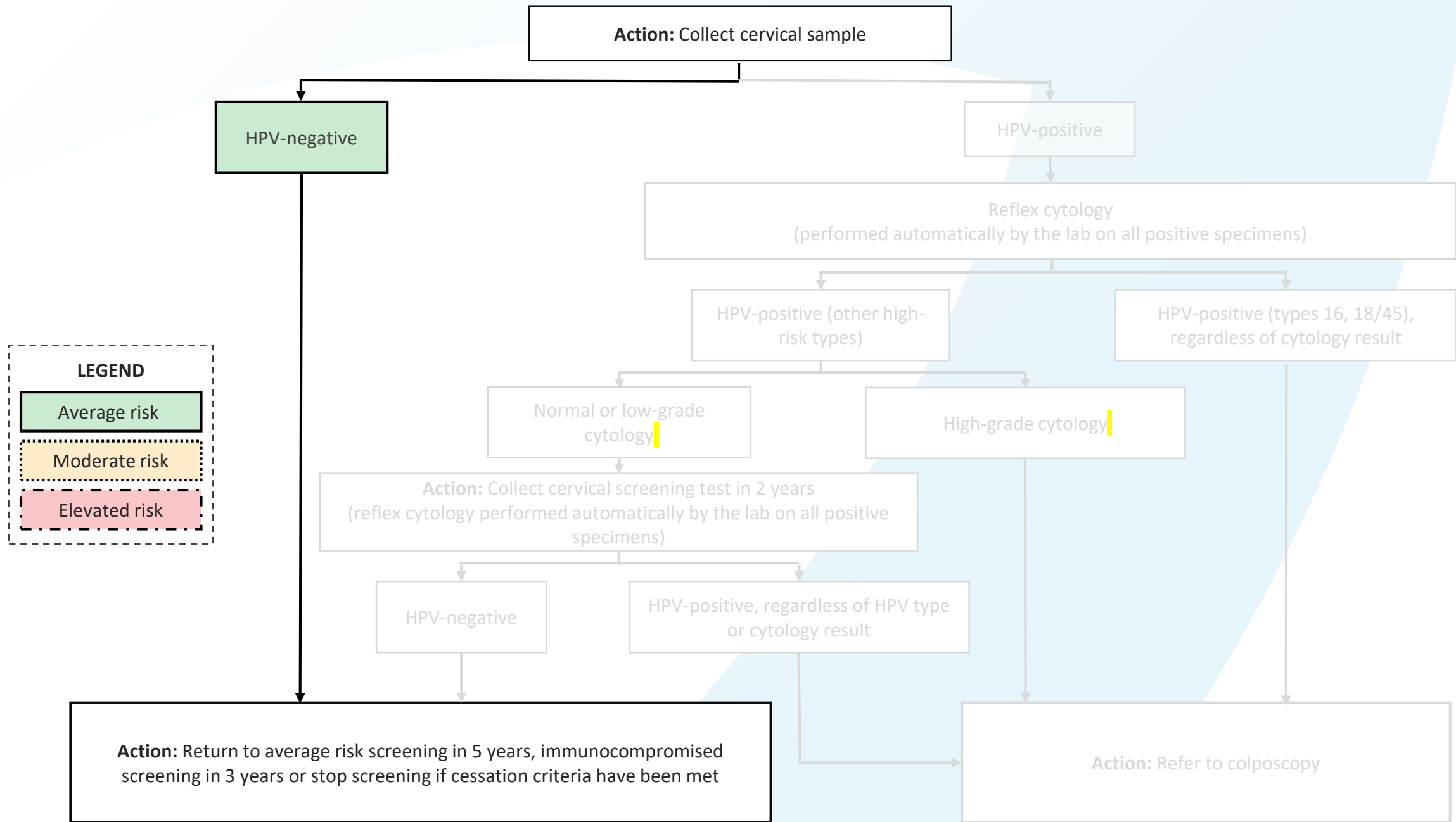
Risk-based screening categories

Screening risk category	Screening results	Risk of cervical pre-cancer and cancer	Clinical next step
Average risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPV-negative 	0.12% to 0.41% (5-year risk) ¹	Screen in 5 years
Immunocompromised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	Unknown or variable	Screen in 3 years
Moderate risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with normal or low-grade cytology 	1.3% to 3.7% (immediate risk) ²	Re-screen in 2 years
Elevated risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPV-positive (types 16, 18/45) with high-grade cytology HPV-positive (types 16, 18/45) with normal or low-grade cytology HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with high-grade cytology 	≥6% (immediate risk) ³	Refer to colposcopy

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3. This risk threshold was selected based on OCSP's cytology-based screening recommendations, jurisdictional scan data, input from expert panel members.





Rationale for 5-year screening interval for people at average risk

3-year risk of HSIL or AIS histology and cervical cancer after a <u>normal cytology test</u> (defined in the study as CIN3+) (95% CI)	5-year risk of HSIL or AIS histology and cervical cancer after a <u>negative HPV test</u> (defined in the study as CIN3+) (95% CI)	Author
0.19% (not reported)	0.14% (not reported)	Gage et al.
0.51% (0.23% to 0.77%)	0.25% (0.12% to 0.41%)	Dilner et al.

HSIL = high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion

AIS = adenocarcinoma in situ

Key takeaway:

A negative HPV test result every 5 years provides at least as much protection against cervical pre-cancer and cancer as a normal cytology test result every 3 years

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Rationale for 3-year screening interval for people who are immunocompromised

- People who are immunocompromised may be at higher risk of having or developing cervical pre-cancer and cancer
 - Immunosuppression may impair someone's ability to clear an HPV infection
- A 3-year screening interval was selected based on input from an expert panel, jurisdictional scan data and the precautionary principle (when there are potential harms, scientific uncertainty must be resolved in favour of prevention)

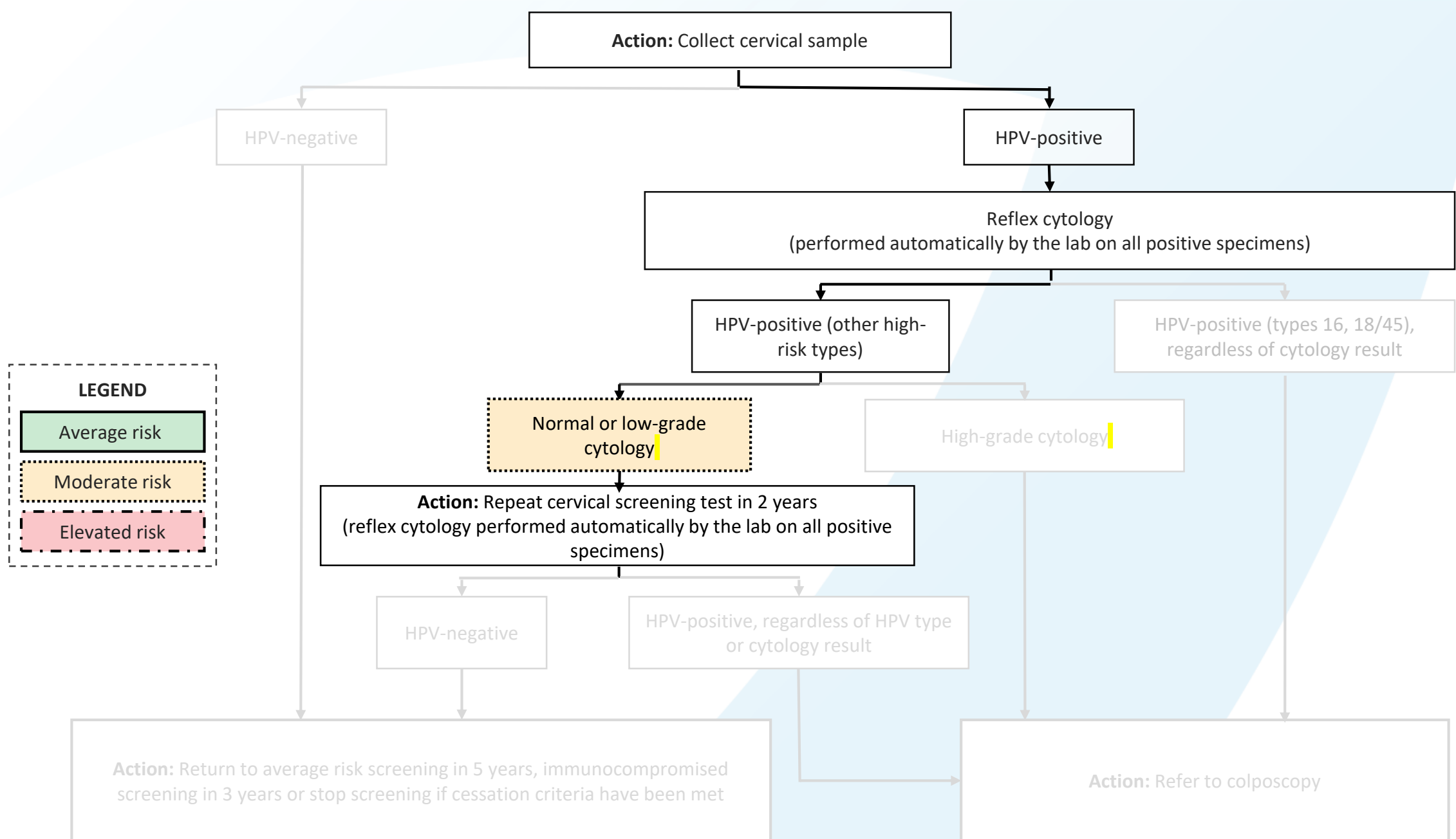
Immunocompromised populations

Populations defined as immunocompromised by the OCSP

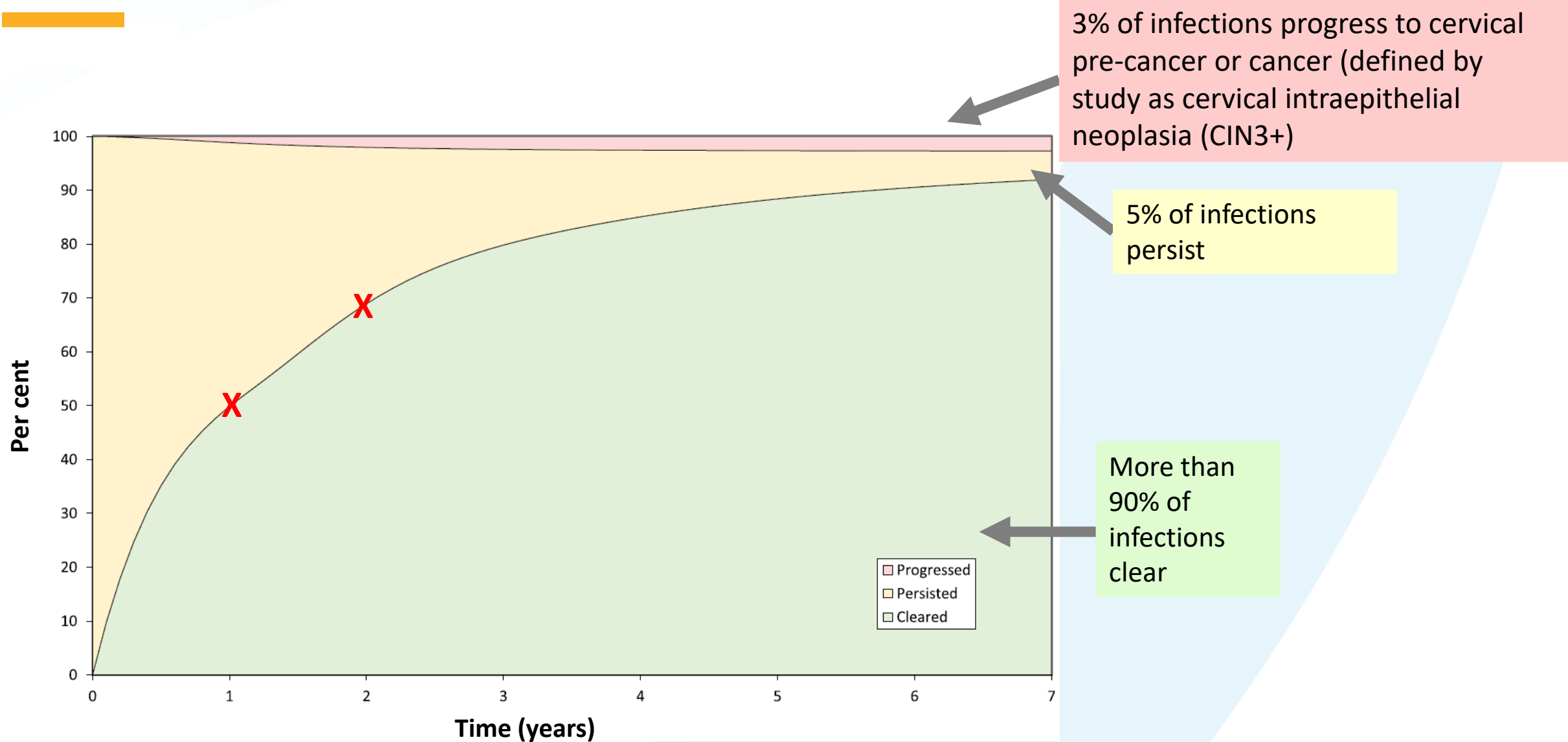
- ✓ People with HIV/AIDS, regardless of CD4 cell count
- ✓ People on long-term immunosuppressive medication (either continuously or at frequent intervals)
- ✓ People with organ transplants (solid organ transplant or allogeneic stem cell transplants)
- ✓ People with systemic lupus erythematosus, regardless of treatment
- ✓ People with congenital (primary) immunodeficiency
- ✓ People on dialysis with renal failure

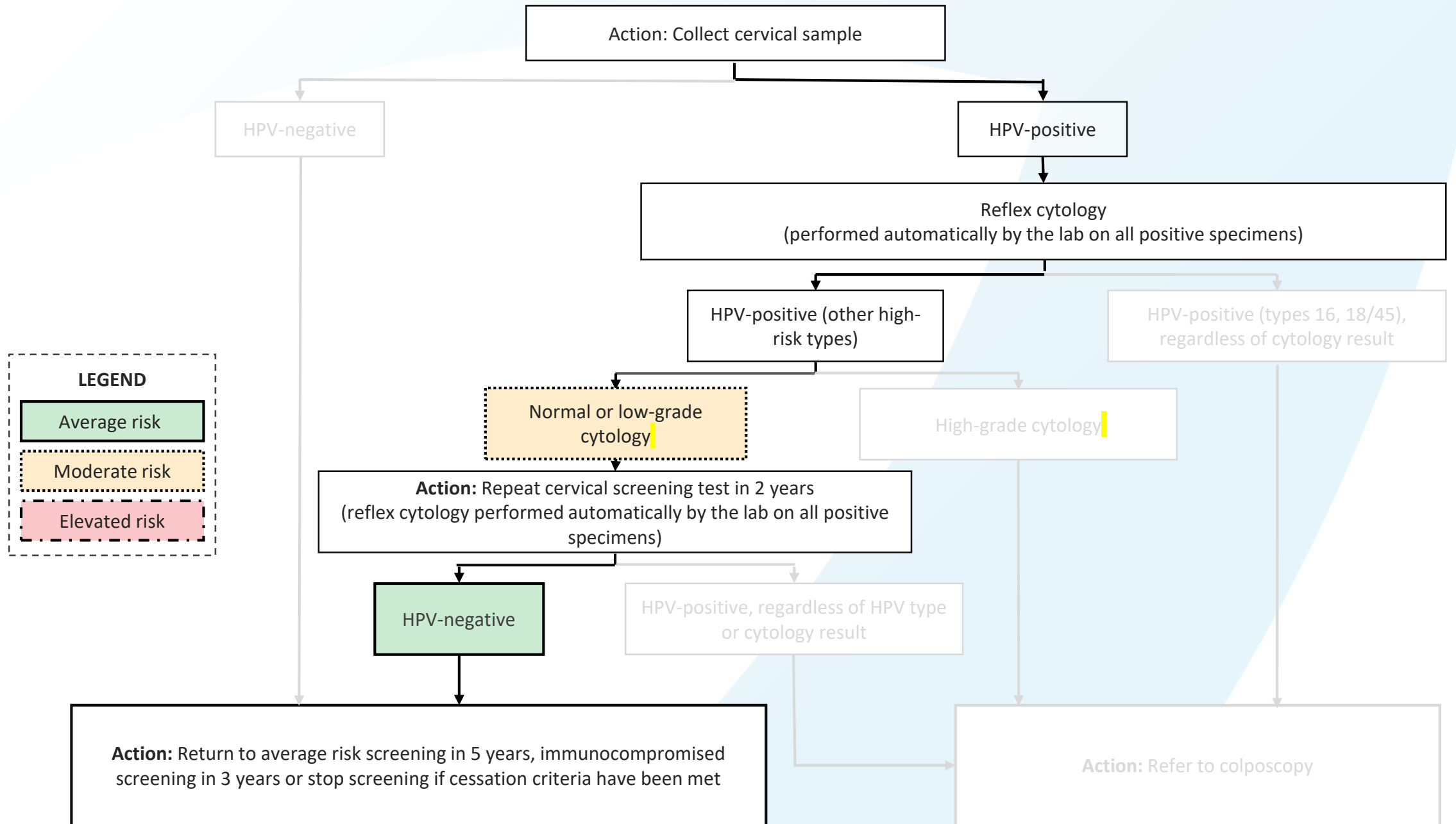
Populations not defined as immunocompromised by the OCSP

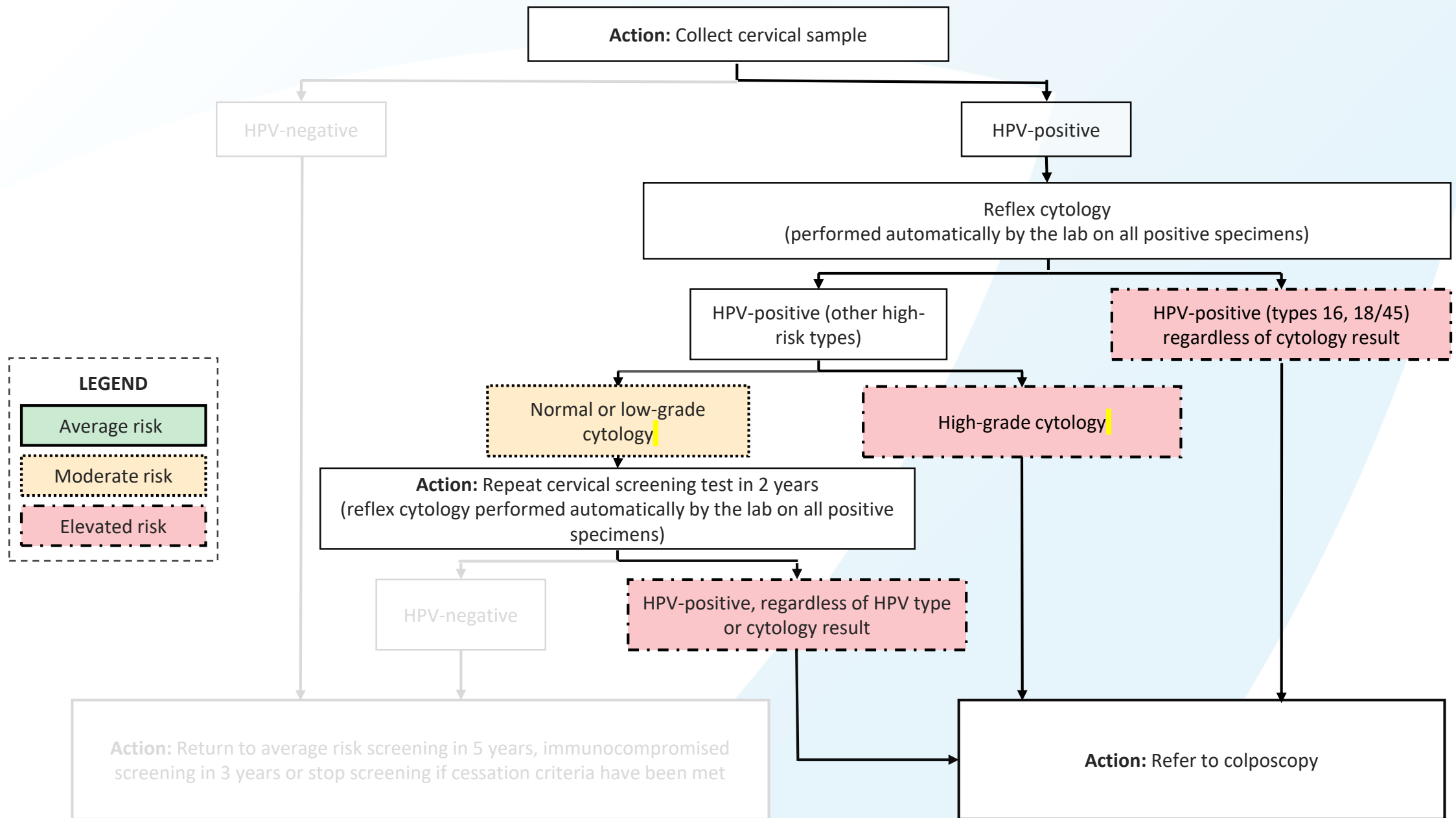
- ✗ People with a past history of cytotoxic treatments for cancer
- ✗ People with Crohn's disease or multiple sclerosis who are not receiving immunosuppressant treatment
- ✗ The offspring of people with a cervix exposed in utero to diethylstilbestrol (DES) (i.e., grandchildren of people who were prescribed DES)
- ✗ People with diabetes (excluding those with renal failure)

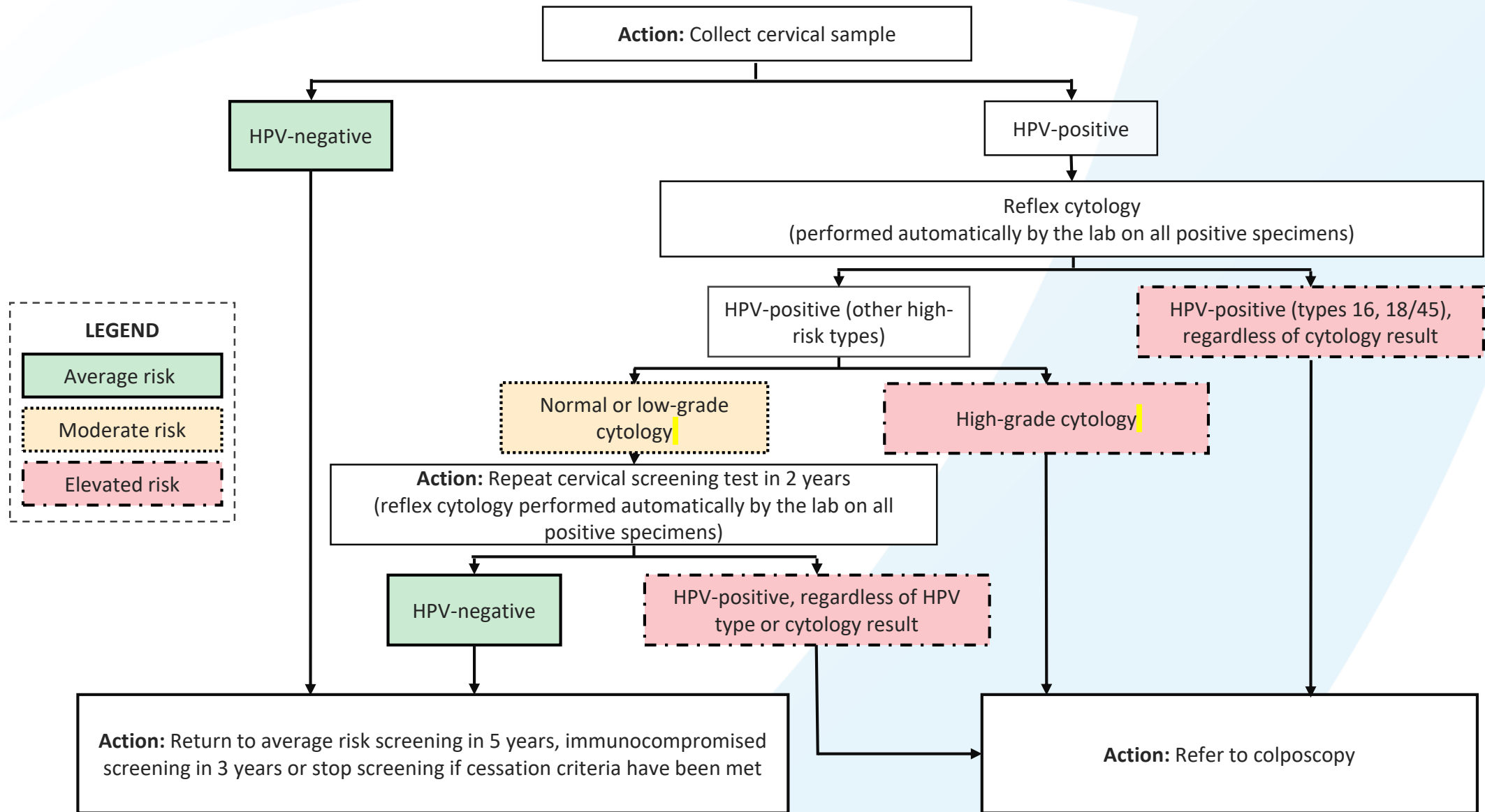


Rationale for screening in 2 years









Management of invalid HPV tests or unsatisfactory cytology results

When to repeat testing or refer to colposcopy

- Specimens should be repeated within 3 months
- A repeat specimen is not required and refer to colposcopy if:
 - The HPV test is positive for types 16, 18/45 with unsatisfactory cytology
 - There are 2 consecutive unsatisfactory cytology or invalid HPV test results

When to use intravaginal estrogen therapy

Intravaginal estrogen therapy may be considered after 1 unsatisfactory cytology result in people who are using androgen therapy (e.g., for gender transition) and in post-menopausal people



Cessation criteria

People ages 65 to 69

Test result	Clinical next step	Considerations and exceptions
Not screened	Continue screening	If a person did not have a cervical screening test from age 65 to 69, they should be screened until age 74
HPV-negative	Stop screening	Someone can stop cervical screening if they have had 1 negative HPV test result, with the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immunocompromised people should screen until age 74• People ages 65 to 69 who have been discharged from colposcopy and have been advised to screen in 2 years should screen until age 74
HPV-positive	Follow screening pathway and refer to colposcopy if appropriate	Can stop screening when they have a negative HPV test result or when they are age 74, whichever occurs first

People ages 70 to 74

- People with an HPV-positive result, regardless of HPV type or reflex cytology, should be referred to colposcopy
- A colposcopy is needed to exclude a high-grade lesion

People ages 75 and older

- The OCSP does not recommend screening people ages 75 and older
- Any visible cervical abnormalities or abnormal symptoms should be referred for appropriate investigation by gynecology oncology




Summary of screening recommendations

Screening: Key changes

	Cytology testing	Following the implementation of HPV testing
Screening test	Cytology	HPV test with reflex cytology
Initial triage test	N/A	Partial genotyping, reflex cytology
Interval after negative test	Average risk: 3 years Immunocompromised: 1 year	Average risk: 5 years Immunocompromised: 3 years
Repeat test	Repeat cytology in 1 year	Repeat HPV test in 2 years
Start age	Age 21 ¹	Age 25
Cessation age	70 years if cessation criteria are met	Most people ages 65 to 69 with a negative HPV test

¹In January 2021, the OCSP began encouraging providers to initiate cervical screening at age 25 for immunocompetent people



Management of people under age 25

Testing no longer offered after HPV implementation

- The following will not be available through the OCSP once HPV testing is implemented:
 - Stand-alone cytology as a primary screening test (every 3 years)
 - Screening for people under age 25

HPV testing for people ages 21 to 24

- For people ages 21 to 24 who started screening before HPV testing was implemented in the OCSP, start HPV testing when someone is next due for a cytology test
- Apply the new recommended intervals after their first screening result

People ages 21 to 24 who started screening before launch of HPV testing


Pre-launch cytology result	Post-launch recommendations for people who are immunocompetent	Post-launch recommendations for people who are immunocompromised
Normal	Delay next screening test to age 25 or in 3 years, whichever comes later	Delay next screening test to age 25 or 12 months, whichever comes later
Unsatisfactory cytology	Delay next screening test to age 25 or, if requested, repeat the test at patient's earliest convenience	Delay next screening test to age 25 or, if requested, repeat the test at patient's earliest convenience
Low-grade (ASCUS, LSIL) x1	Delay next screening test to age 25 (repeat screening optional*)	Repeat screening in 12 months
Low-grade (ASCUS, LSIL) x2	Refer to colposcopy	
High-grade (ASC-H, LSIL-H, HSIL, AGC, AGC-N, AGC-NOS, AEC, AEC-N, AEC-NOS, AIS)	Refer to colposcopy	
High-grade (SCC, ACC, ACC-E, PDC)	Refer to colposcopy or consider referral to gynecologic oncology centre if an obvious lesion is seen in the cervix	

*People who choose not to delay after a discussion about the limited benefits and potential risks of screening before the age of 25, can screen with an HPV test in 12 months

Considerations for cervical screening in pregnancy

Cervical screening in pregnancy

- Pregnancy does not affect someone's risk of developing cervical pre-cancer or cancer
- Screen when due or overdue for cervical screening
- Defer to postpartum period for people in the third trimester, when there are risk factors for preterm labour or bleeding, or based on patient preference
- The screening recommendations and indications for referral to colposcopy are the same for all average-risk people, regardless of pregnancy status
- Collection devices should not enter the cervical canal, which means the endocervical brush should not be used
- For patient comfort, cervical screening is usually avoided after 24 weeks and can be resumed as early as 6 weeks postpartum



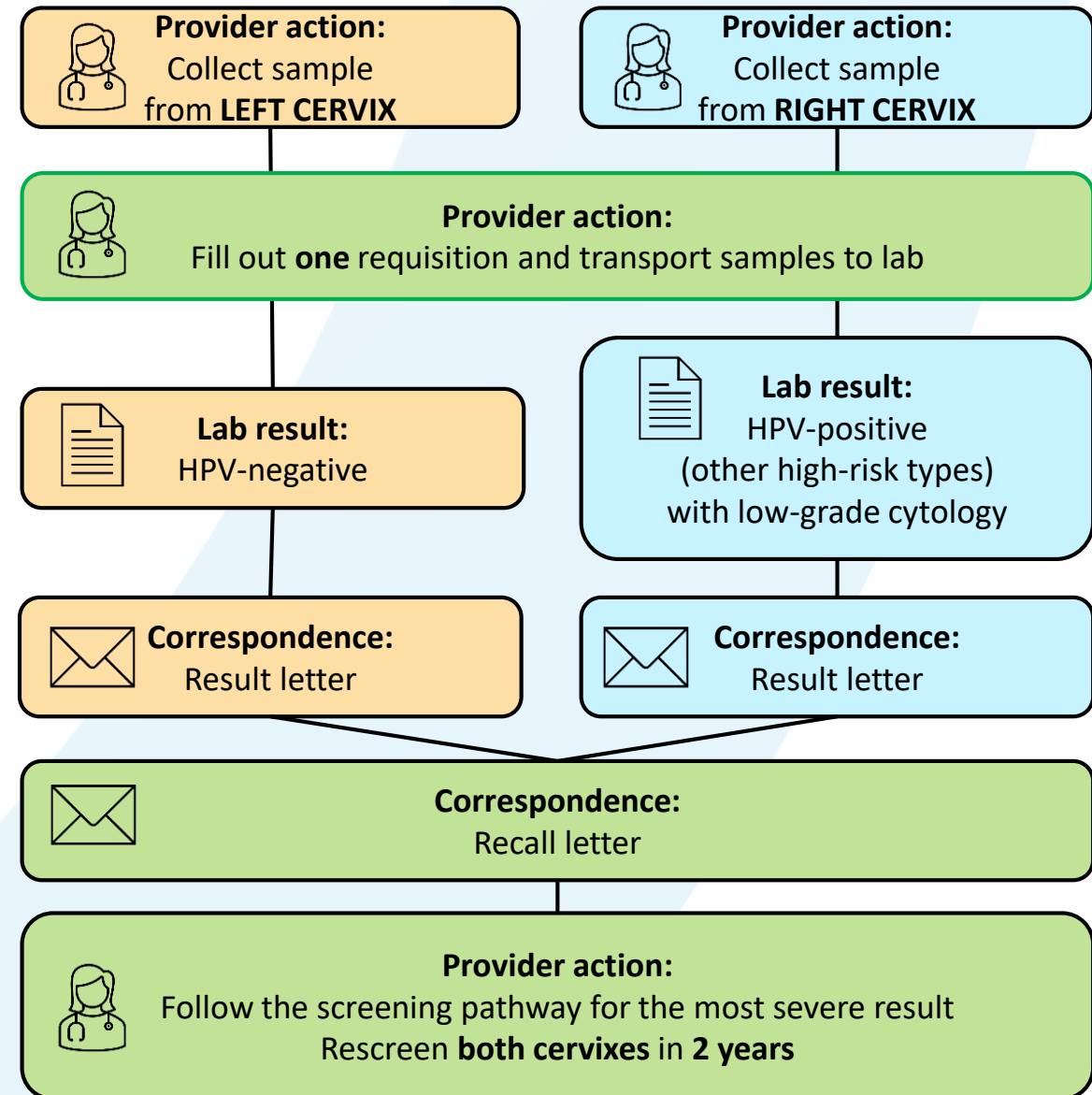
Considerations for people with a double cervix

How to collect and label samples

- Collect 1 sample from each cervix
 - A new collection device should be used for each cervical sample
- Place in separate vials that identify which cervix the sample is from (i.e., right or left)
- Use a single requisition form for both samples

How to interpret results

- People with a double cervix will have a result for each cervix
 - Will get 2 result letters from the OCSP
 - Will only get a single recall letter based on their most severe result
- Providers should manage **both cervixes** based on the **most severe result** (following only the screening pathway for the most severe result)



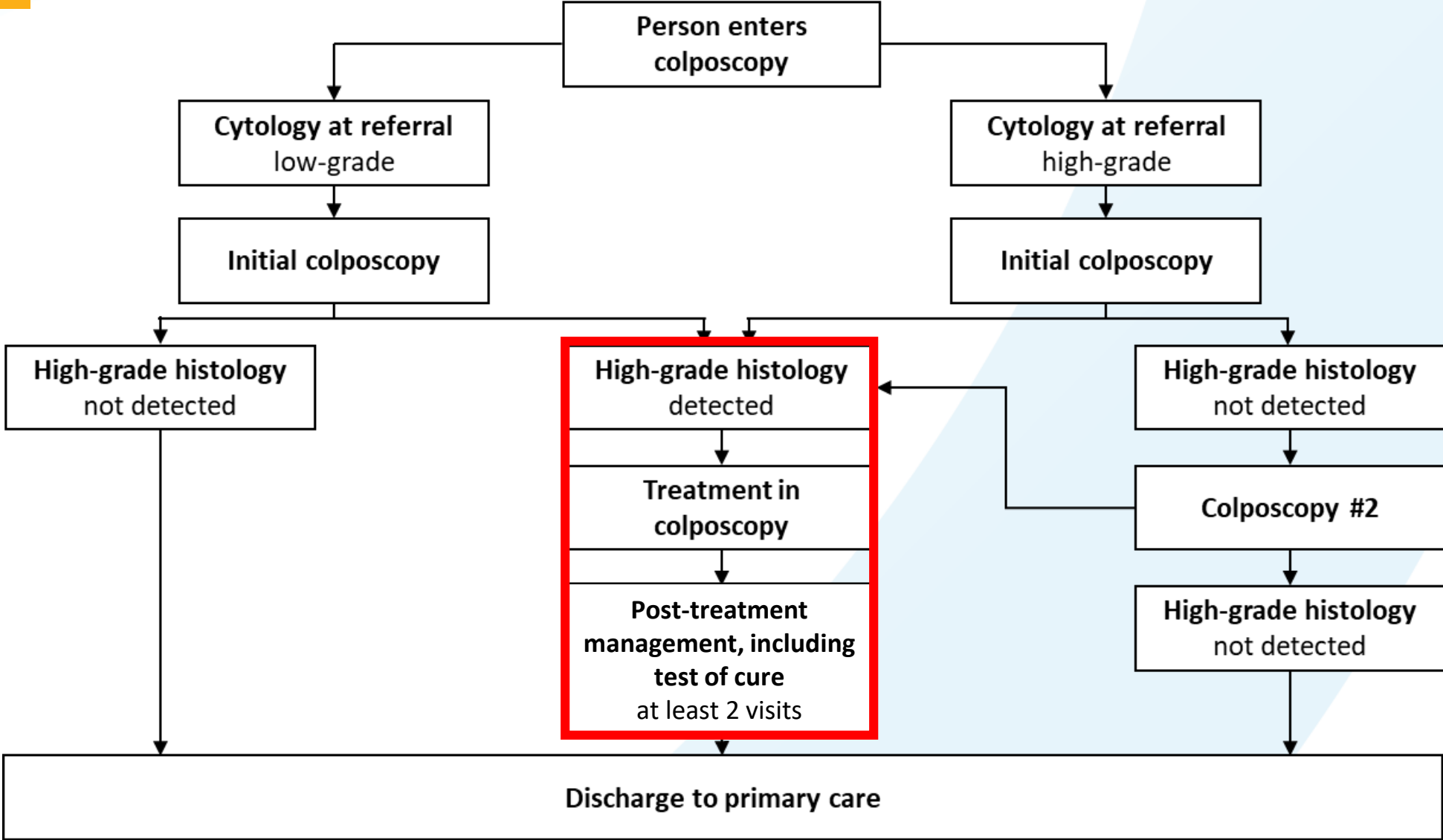


Colposcopy

Colposcopy pathways

- 7 colposcopy pathways
- Summarize **episodes of care** in colposcopy
- Most people will require 1 to 4 colposcopy visits in an episode of care unless persistent disease is found
- Goals are to discharge patients from colposcopy as appropriate, minimize over-testing and avoid over-treatment

High-level overview: Episode of care





Post-discharge from colposcopy

Discharge from colposcopy to primary care

- HPV and cytology co-testing and histology supports timely discharge from colposcopy
- Discharge is important given the harms of over-management in colposcopy
- Colposcopists are encouraged to provide clear recommendations on the post-discharge screening interval

When to resume screening

- People discharged from colposcopy will return to:
 - Average risk screening in 5 years or immunocompromised screening in 3 years
 - Moderate risk screening in 2 years
- People at elevated risk will remain in colposcopy

Post-discharge: People not treated*

LEGEND	
	Average risk
	Moderate risk
	Elevated risk

First post-discharge interval			Second post-discharge interval	
Referral cytology	HPV status at discharge	Action	HPV result	Action
Normal or low-grade	N/A (HPV test not repeated in colposcopy)	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening
			HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-refer to colposcopy
High-grade	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening	N/A	
	HPV-positive (regardless of subtype or cytology)	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening
			HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-refer to colposcopy

*HSIL or AIS histology not detected

Post-discharge: People treated for HSIL histology

LEGEND	
	Average risk
	Moderate risk
	Elevated risk

First post-discharge interval			Second post-discharge interval		Third post-discharge interval	
HPV result at first post-treatment visit	HPV status at discharge	Action	HPV result	Action	HPV result	Action
HPV-negative	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening	N/A			
HPV-negative	HPV-positive	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening
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			HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-refer to colposcopy	N/A	

Post-discharge: People treated for HSIL histology continued

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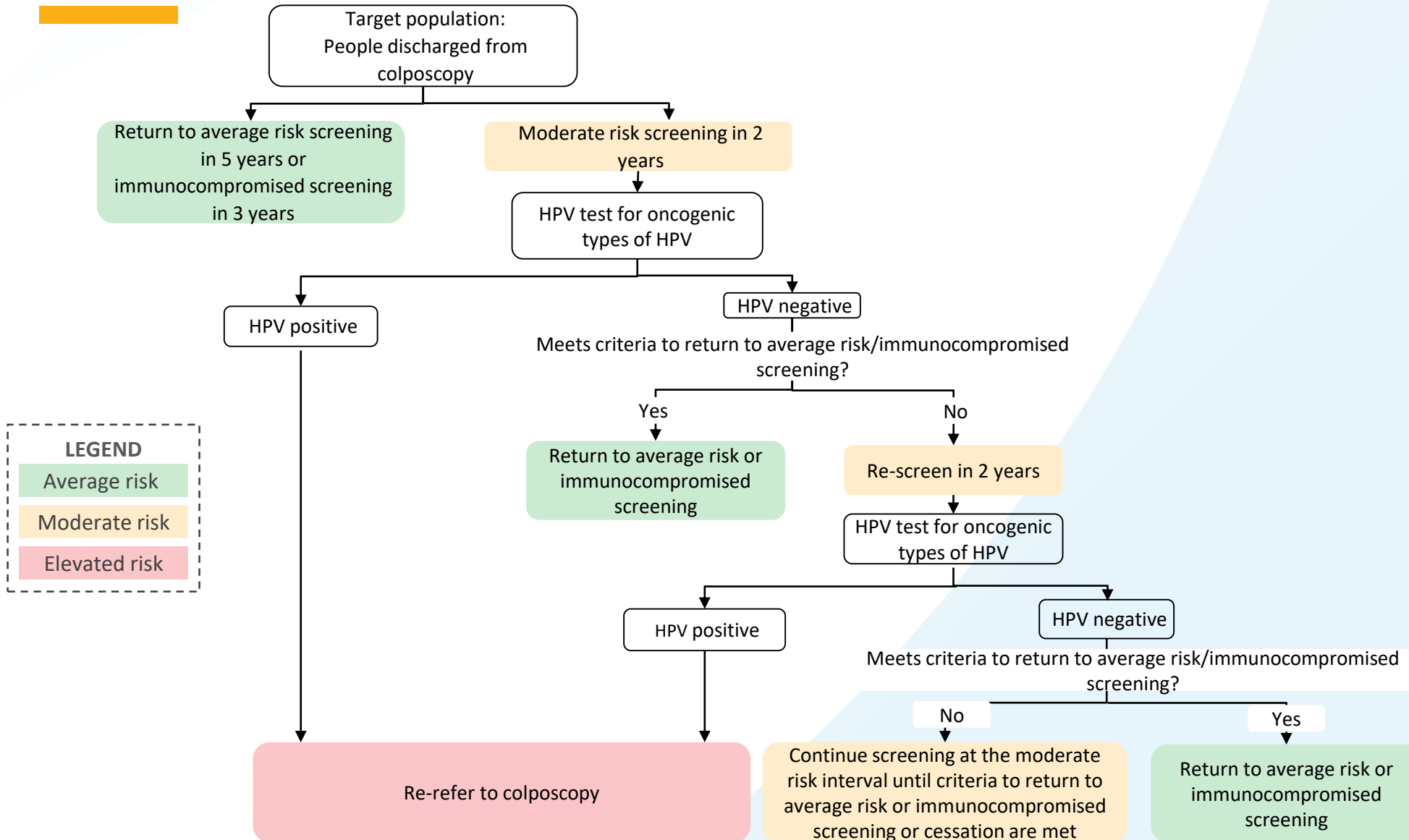
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HPV result at first post-treatment visit	HPV status at discharge	Action	HPV result	Action	HPV result	Action
HPV-positive	HPV-positive	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening
			HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-REFER to colposcopy	HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-REFER to colposcopy
HPV-positive	HPV-negative	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening	N/A	
			HPV-positive	Re-REFER to colposcopy		

Post-discharge: People treated for AIS histology

LEGEND	
Average risk	
Moderate risk	
Elevated risk	

First post-discharge interval			Second post-discharge interval		Third post-discharge interval		Fourth post-discharge interval	
HPV result at first post-treatment visit	HPV status at discharge	Action	HPV result	Action	HPV result	Action	HPV result	Action
Regardless of first post-treatment HPV result	HPV-negative	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Re-screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Re-screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk or immunocompromised screening
							HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-refer to colposcopy
			HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-refer to colposcopy	HPV-positive (regardless of type or cytology)	Re-refer to colposcopy	N/A	
			N/A					

Overview: Post-discharge screening



Post-discharge key takeaways

- Some people can be discharged to primary care after only 1 visit in colposcopy
- Some people may be HPV-positive when they are discharged to primary care
- People who are HPV-positive (regardless of HPV type and reflex cytology) at their 2-year post-discharge screening test should be **referred back** to colposcopy

Discharge letter

- You may receive the following information from the colposcopist in the form of a discharge letter:
 - ✓ Next screening interval in primary care
 - ✓ Whether or not patient was treated in colposcopy
 - ✓ When to refer patient back to colposcopy based on post-discharge screening results

Contact the colposcopist if you do not receive this information or require clarification

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Final Discharge Recommendations
Colposcopy services

Colposcopist's name:
Contact information:
Patient information:
Date:

This patient is discharged from colposcopy and should resume cervical screening in primary care. See below for information on their colposcopy results and next screening interval in primary care:

Screen patient in 5 years (average risk screening) or
 Screen patient in 3 years (immunocompromised screening)

Cytology at referral	Treatment status	HPV result at first post-treatment visit and HPV result at discharge	How to manage screening results
<input type="checkbox"/> Normal (NILM) or low-grade (ASCUS, LSIL)	<input type="checkbox"/> No treatment needed	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A and HPV-negative	Manage results according to routine cervical screening recommendations
<input type="checkbox"/> High-grade (ASC-H, LSIL-H, AGC, HSIL, AEC)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Treated for HSIL histology	<input type="checkbox"/> HPV-negative and HPV-negative	

Screen patient in 2 years (moderate risk screening)

Cytology at referral	Treatment status	HPV result at first post-treatment visit and HPV result at discharge	How to manage screening results**
<input type="checkbox"/> Normal (NILM) or low-grade (ASCUS, LSIL)	<input type="checkbox"/> No treatment needed	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A and no HPV test (not needed) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A and HPV-positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If result is HPV-positive (regardless of HPV type), refer back to colposcopy If result is HPV-negative, return to average risk screening in 5 years or immunocompromised screening in 3 years
<input type="checkbox"/> High-grade (ASC-H, LSIL-H, AGC, HSIL, AEC)*	<input type="checkbox"/> Treated for HSIL histology	<input type="checkbox"/> HPV-positive and HPV-negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If result is HPV-positive (regardless of HPV type), refer back to colposcopy If result is HPV-negative, return to average risk screening in 5 years or immunocompromised screening in 3 years
		<input type="checkbox"/> HPV-negative and HPV-positive <input type="checkbox"/> HPV-positive and HPV-positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If result is HPV-positive (regardless of HPV type), refer back to colposcopy If result is HPV-negative, re-screen in 2 years and if result is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPV-positive (regardless of HPV type), refer back to colposcopy HPV-negative, return to average risk screening in 5 years or immunocompromised screening in 3 years

* If result is HPV-positive (regardless of HPV type), refer back to colposcopy
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 • HPV-positive (regardless of HPV type), refer back to colposcopy
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Vaginal vault testing

Background

- People who have had their cervix removed via hysterectomy are not at risk of developing cervical cancer, but may be at risk of developing vaginal cancer
- Vaginal vault testing can be done to identify people at risk of vaginal cancer
- Although vaginal cancer is also HPV-related, the risk of vaginal cancer is very low in Ontario
 - Ontario had an incidence rate of 0.6 squamous cell vaginal cancers per 100,000 people from 2014 to 2018

Post-hysterectomy population

- The post-hysterectomy population is organized by risk for vaginal cancer and consists of elevated and low risk groups

Elevated-risk group	Low-risk group
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with LSIL, HSIL or AIS histology in the cervix <i>at the time</i> of hysterectomy (i.e., in the hysterectomy specimen), regardless of margin status or HPV status• People with a history of early cervical cancer (microinvasive cervical cancer, stage 1A1 only), regardless of whether there is evidence of cancer or pre-cancer at hysterectomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone who does not meet the criteria for the elevated-risk group, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ People with a history of LSIL, HSIL or AIS histology in the cervix, but no evidence of it in the hysterectomy specimen○ People with an unknown or no cervical screening history (including Two-Spirit people, transmasculine people and nonbinary people who did not receive cervical screening before their hysterectomy)

Out of scope populations

- People with a history of cervical cancer beyond stage 1A1
- People treated with radical trachelectomy, radiation or chemotherapy
- People under surveillance in the cancer system

Who and when to test



Elevated risk group

- Perform a 1-time HPV test of the vaginal vault 6 to 12 months after hysterectomy
- Reflex cytology done automatically by the lab for HPV-positive results



Low risk group

- Do **not** perform an HPV test

Note:

You may receive a discharge letter from a colposcopist or the provider who performed the hysterectomy if an HPV test of the vaginal vault is needed

Management of HPV test results

- **HPV-positive, regardless of HPV type or cytology result** → Refer to colposcopy
- **HPV-negative** → No further HPV testing is needed
- **Invalid HPV result** → Repeat HPV test at participant's earliest convenience (preferably within 3 months) and if repeat HPV test is also invalid, refer to colposcopy

Management when HPV status is unknown before HPV launch

Most recent cytology-based vaginal vault test result (before HPV testing implementation)	Recommended next step (after HPV testing is implemented)
Normal	No further vaginal vault testing required
Unsatisfactory	<p>If criteria for vaginal vault testing are met (i.e., LSIL, HSIL or AIS histology in the cervix at hysterectomy or a history of early cervical cancer [microinvasive cervical cancer stage 1A1 only], regardless of whether there is still evidence of cancer or pre-cancer at hysterectomy), do an HPV test</p> <p>If criteria for vaginal vault testing are not met, no further vaginal vault testing is required</p>
Low-grade (ASCUS, LSIL)	HPV test in 12 months
High-grade (ASC-H, LSIL-H, HSIL, AGC, AGC-N, AGC-NOS, AEC, AEC-N, AEC-NOS, AIS)	Refer to colposcopy
High-grade (SCC, ACC, ACC-E, PDC)	Refer to colposcopy or consider referral to gynecologic oncology centre if an obvious lesion is seen

Health Canada approval

- Guidance for vaginal vault testing has been developed by Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) in consultation with a multidisciplinary, international expert panel
- 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 due to rarity
- As such, a disclosure will be included in OCSP resources and lab reports

Disclosure statement

- 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
- Vaginal vault testing is relatively rare, which makes vaginal vault specimens difficult to obtain. This means it is very challenging to obtain sufficient specimens to perform the validation studies that are required to obtain regulatory approval
- HPV test performance has not been specifically evaluated for detecting vaginal pre-cancer and cancer in relevant populations, so risks may include a decrease in testing accuracy
- Guidance for vaginal vault testing has been developed by Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) in consultation with a multidisciplinary, international expert panel and other Canadian and international jurisdictions also provide guidance on using the HPV test in the vaginal vault
- The information provided by Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) is not intended to serve as a substitute for a clinician's professional experience, independent judgment and decision-making
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Case studies

Case study 1 – due for cervical screening

Alex is 28 years old and is due for cervical screening. Her screening test result is HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with ASCUS reflex cytology. What is the recommended next step?

- a) Alex is at moderate risk → Repeat HPV test in 2 years
- b) Alex is at moderate risk → Repeat HPV test in 1 year
- c) Alex is at elevated risk → Refer to colposcopy
- d) Alex is at average risk → Return to screening in 5 years

Case study 1 – repeat HPV test

In 2 years, Alex receives a letter from Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) reminding her to get tested again. Her HPV test result is HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with LSIL reflex cytology. What is the recommended next step?

- a) Alex remains at moderate risk → Repeat HPV test again in 2 years
- b) Alex is now at elevated risk → Refer to colposcopy
- c) Alex is now at average risk → Return to screening in 5 years

Case study 1 - colposcopy

- Alex is seen in colposcopy
- Her cervix is assessed and high-grade histology is not detected at her first colposcopy visit
- Treatment is not needed

Case study 1 – post-discharge screening test

2 years later, Alex's screening test result is HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with normal reflex cytology. What is the recommended next step?

- a) Refer back to colposcopy
- b) Repeat another HPV test in 2 years
- c) Return to screening in 3 years
- d) Return to screening in 5 years

Case study 2 – first scenario

Sarah is 68 years old and has received routine cervical screening with the HPV test. Sarah is due for screening and the result is HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with normal reflex cytology. What is the recommended next step?

- a) Stop screening immediately
- b) Refer to colposcopy
- c) Repeat HPV test in 2 years → Refer to colposcopy if repeat result is HPV-positive, regardless of HPV type or cytology result
- d) Repeat HPV test in 2 years → Stop screening if repeat result is HPV-negative

Case study 2 – second scenario

Zara is 70 years old and has not received cervical screening in a long time. She decides to make an appointment with her primary care provider to get a screening test. Her test result is HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with ASCUS reflex cytology. What is the recommended next step?

- a) Refer to colposcopy
- b) Stop screening immediately
- c) Repeat HPV test in 2 years

Case study 3

Rickie (he/him) is 22 years old and is a transmasculine person who got screened just before primary HPV testing was implemented in the OCSP. His cytology result was a first time LSIL. HPV testing is now implemented. How and when should he be screened next?

- a) Delay re-screening with the HPV test to age 25
- b) Re-screen with cytology at age 23
- c) Re-screen with the HPV test at age 23
- d) A or C; either are acceptable

A is preferable, but people who choose not to delay screening can re-screen with an HPV test in 1 year

Case study 4

Mary is 49 years old with a history of cervical dysplasia. She had a hysterectomy 6 months ago and there was evidence of HSIL histology in the hysterectomy specimen. You perform an HPV test of the vaginal vault and result is HPV-negative. What is the appropriate next step?

- a) Refer to colposcopy
- b) Cease testing
- c) Repeat an HPV test in 2 years



Changes to your practice

Procured partners

Test System Vendor	Laboratory Service Providers (LSPs)
<p data-bbox="377 611 1034 729">HOLOGIC®</p>  <p data-bbox="377 843 1054 1253">The image shows two boxes of Hologic HPV assays and a ThinPrep vial. The larger box is labeled 'Aptima® HPV 16 18/45 Genotype Assay' and the smaller box is labeled 'Aptima® HPV Assay'. The vial is labeled 'ThinPrep'. All items feature the Hologic logo and various regulatory symbols.</p>	<p data-bbox="1505 568 2160 739">LifeLabs®</p> <p data-bbox="1421 853 2277 1015">Dynacare®</p> <p data-bbox="1319 1148 1727 1262">North Bay Regional Health Centre</p>  <p data-bbox="1921 1148 2415 1262">Centre régional de santé de North Bay</p>

Working with LSPs



- Ensure that OCSP tests are sent to one of the procured LSPs
- If you already have an existing agreement with one of the procured LSPs, you can follow your regular approach for ordering supplies and transporting samples
- If you do not have an existing agreement, the procured LSPs will reach out to support onboarding before HPV testing launch



Ordering tests for cervical screening

How to order the HPV test

Step 1

Confirm patient eligibility

People with a cervix ages **25** and older who have ever been sexually active

Step 2

Collect 1 sample from the cervix

Only **1** sample is needed for HPV testing and reflex cytology (performed automatically by the lab if HPV-positive)

Step 3

Complete OCSP requisition and label cervical sample

- Use the new OCSP-specific screening requisition
- Providers will not be able to order using the Ministry of Health Laboratory Requisition or a hospital requisition

Step 4

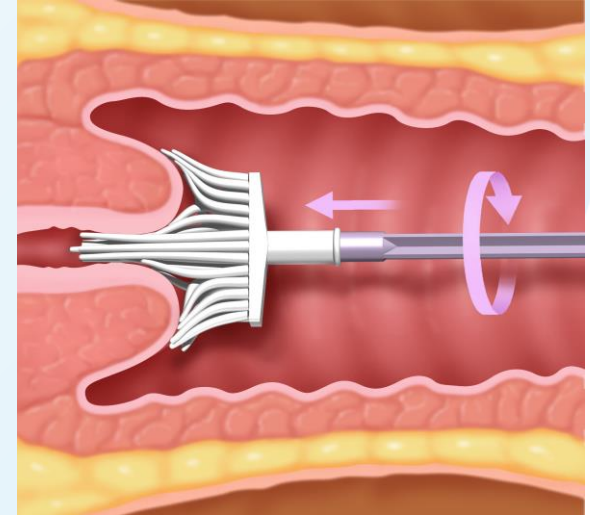
Submit requisition and sample to one of the procured LSPs



Collecting a sample

How to collect a cervical sample

- Choose 1 of the following options to collect a sample:
 - Broom-like device
 - Endocervical brush-spatula combination
- Avoid certain types of lubricants (some may cause invalid test results) or use water to lubricate:
 - If a lubricant needs to be used, use a **dime-sized** amount of **water-soluble** and **carbomer-free** gel lubricant
 - Apply the lubricant only to the outer sides of the speculum blades
- **Do not** leave any part of the collection device in the vial
- Label all samples with the patient's name, date of birth and date of sample collection



Difference between SurePath™ and ThinPrep® vials

- The OCSP uses the ThinPrep® system for cervical sample collection in HPV testing
- Some providers may need to transition from using SurePath™ vials to ThinPrep® vials
- ThinPrep® tests will be rejected if any part of the collection device is left in the vial



Tips to avoid cervical sample rejection

- Check the expiry dates
- Ensure no part of the collection device, such as the head of the broom, is left in the collection vial
- Label your sample, using legible writing or a printed label
 - Complete all required parts of the label (patient first and last name, date of birth, date of sample collection)
- Pair all cervical samples with a corresponding requisition
 - Make sure the label on the vial and corresponding requisition match
- Tightly close the sample vial to avoid leaking
- Ensure sample is sent promptly to the lab

Additional instructions

Collecting a sample from someone who is pregnant:

- Collection devices should not enter the cervical canal, so the endocervical brush should not be used
- For patient comfort, cervical screening is usually avoided after 24 weeks and can be resumed as early as 6 weeks postpartum

Collecting and labeling samples from people with a double cervix:

- Collect 1 sample from each cervix
- A new collection device should be used for each cervical sample
- Place in separate vials that identify which cervix the sample is from (i.e., right or left)
- Use a single requisition form for both samples

Collecting a sample from the vaginal vault

- Use either the broom or the plastic spatula only (i.e., do not use the endocervical brush)
- Collect sample from the top of the vaginal vault, making full contact
- Use back and forth, horizontal sweeping motion five times



Completing the requisition

New OCSP requisition

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Laboratory Requisition Requisitioning Clinician / Practitioner

Clear Form

Name: _____
Address: _____

Clinician/Practitioner Number: _____ CPSO / Registration No. _____
Health Number: _____ Version: _____ Sex: M F
Service Date: yyyy mm dd
Date of Birth: yyyy mm dd
Province: _____ Other Provincial Registration Number: _____ Patient's Telephone Contact Number: _____

Check (✓) one:
 OHIP/Insured Third Party / Uninsured WSIB

Additional Clinical Information (e.g. diagnosis): _____

Copy to: Clinician/Practitioner
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____

Note: Separate requisitions are required for cytology, histology / pathology, ColonCancerCheck FIT test, and tests performed by Public Health Laboratory

Biochemistry	Hematology	Viral Hepatitis (check one only)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glucose <input type="checkbox"/> Random <input type="checkbox"/> Fasting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute Hepatitis
<input type="checkbox"/> HbA1C	<input type="checkbox"/> Prothrombin Time (INR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Hepatitis
<input type="checkbox"/> Creatinine (eGFR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immunology	<input type="checkbox"/> Immune Status / Previous Exposure
<input type="checkbox"/> Uric Acid	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Test (Urine)	Specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C
<input type="checkbox"/> Sodium	<input type="checkbox"/> Mononucleosis Screen	or order individual hepatitis tests in the "Other Tests" section below
<input type="checkbox"/> Potassium	<input type="checkbox"/> Rubella	
<input type="checkbox"/> ALT	<input type="checkbox"/> Venereal: ABO, Rh, Syphilis Screen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alk. Phosphatase	<input type="checkbox"/> Venereal: HIV, HTLV, HTLV-1/2 Screen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bilirubin	<input type="checkbox"/> Venereal: Chlamydia, Gonorrhea	
<input type="checkbox"/> Albumin	<input type="checkbox"/> Venereal: Syphilis	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lipid Assessment (includes Cholesterol, HDL-C, Triglycerides, calculated LDL-C & Chol/HDL-C ratio; individual lipid tests may be ordered in the "Other Tests" section of this form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Total PSA <input type="checkbox"/> Free PSA	
	Specify one below:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Insured - Meets OHIP eligibility criteria	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured - Screening: Patient responsible for payment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin D (25-Hydroxy)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Insured - Meets OHIP eligibility criteria:	
	osteopenia; osteoporosis; rickets;	
	renal disease; malabsorption syndromes;	
	medications affecting vitamin D metabolism	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured - Patient responsible for payment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Tests - one test per line	
<input type="checkbox"/> Albumin / Creatinine Ratio, Urine	<input type="checkbox"/> Sputum	
<input type="checkbox"/> Urinalysis (Chemical)	<input type="checkbox"/> Throat	
<input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal Bilirubin:	<input type="checkbox"/> Wound (specify source):	
Child's Age: _____ days _____ hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Urine	
Clinician/Practitioner's tel. no. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Stool Culture	
Patient's 24 hr telephone no. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Stool Ova & Parasites	
Therapeutic Drug Monitoring:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Swabs / Pus (specify source):	
Name of Drug #1 _____		
Name of Drug #2 _____		
Time Collected #1 _____ hr. #2 _____ hr.		
Time of Last Dose #1 _____ hr. #2 _____ hr.		
Time of Next Dose #1 _____ hr. #2 _____ hr.		

I hereby certify the tests ordered are not for registered in or out patients of a hospital.

Specimen Collection
Time: _____ Date: _____

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Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Cytology Tests Requisition – For Cervical Screening

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• Ontario Cervical Screening Program's cervical screening recommendations and cessation criteria can be found at ontariohealth.ca/OCSP-recommendations.

• **Immunocompromised populations include** people who are living with HIV/AIDS (regardless of CD4 cell count), congenital (primary) immunodeficiency, systemic lupus erythematosus (regardless of whether they are receiving immunosuppressant treatment), renal failure and require dialysis, transplant recipients (solid organ or allogeneic stem cell transplants) or people requiring treatment (either continuously or at frequent intervals) with medications that cause immune suppression for 3 years or more.

• Referral to a specialist is required for any visible cervical abnormalities.

Requester Information Requester type (check ONE):
 Physician Midwife Nurse practitioner

CPSO or CNO number: _____
Practitioner billing number: _____
Last name: _____
Middle name: _____
Date of birth: yyyy / mm / dd Sex: Male Female
First name: _____
Address: _____
Fax: () Phone: ()
Copy to: Primary care provider
Last name: _____
First name: _____
Address: _____ Extension: (optional)
Fax: ()

Patient Identification (Enter information as indicated on OHIP card. Can be replaced by a sticker.)
Last name: _____
Middle name: _____
First name: _____
Date of birth: yyyy / mm / dd Sex: Male Female
OHIP number: _____ OHIP version: _____
Patient Contact (Enter address for result letters and other correspondence with patient.)
Building: _____ Street name: _____
Street: _____ City: _____
Postal Code: _____
Home: Work: Cell:

Testing Indication for Cervical Screening

A. HPV test (includes reflex cytology if HPV-positive)
 Average risk screening: every 5 years
 Immunocompromised screening: every 3 years
 HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with normal or low-grade (NILM/ASCUS/LSIL) cytology: 2-year follow-up (moderate risk)
 More frequent screening post-colposcopy: 2-year follow-up (moderate risk)
 People with histologic evidence of dysplasia in the cervix at the time of hysterectomy and people with a history of early cervical cancer: 1-time post-hysterectomy vaginal vault testing

B. Cytology test only
 Repeat after a previous HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with unsatisfactory cytology result

Specimen
Site: Cervical/endocervical Vaginal Double cervix
Special considerations for cytology interpretation:
 Intrauterine device (IUD) Postpartum
 Menopausal hormone therapy (MHT) Pregnancy
 Post-menopausal Subtotal hysterectomy
 Transition-related hormone therapy
Specimen collection date: _____
Last menstrual period (first day): _____

Clinical information

Requester Verification
Requester signature: _____ Date: _____
Date: (yyyy/mm/dd)

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Main requisition changes



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New requisition contains eligibility information

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Testing indications specify screening categories and intervals



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Practitioner billing number:

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Middle name (optional):

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Address:

Fax: () Phone: ()

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Last name:

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Address (optional):

Fax: () Phone: ()

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- Referral to a specialist is required for any visible cervical abnormalities.

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- Enter your information
- If another primary care provider needs a copy of the result report, enter their information

Requester Information Requester type (check ONE): <input type="checkbox"/> Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Midwife <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse practitioner CPSO or CNO number: Practitioner billing number: Last name: Middle name (optional): First name: Address: Fax: () Phone: () Copy to: Primary care provider Last name: First name: Address (optional): Fax: () Phone: ()	Patient Identification (Enter information as indicated on OHIP card. Can be replaced by a sticker.) Last name: Middle name (optional): First name: Date of birth: yyyy / mm / dd Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female OHIP number: OHIP version: Patient Contact (Mailing address for result letters and other correspondence. Verify with patient.) Building / Street number: Street name: Apt./Unit number: City: Province: Postal Code: Phone: () Extension (optional): Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell
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- Enter patient information as indicated on OHIP card
- Ensure patient address information is accurate

- Check only **1** of the screening testing indications
- The “cytology test only” option should only be selected after a previous unsatisfactory cytology result

Testing Indication for Cervical Screening (check ONE): A. HPV test (includes reflex cytology if HPV-positive) <input type="checkbox"/> Average risk screening: every 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> Immunocompromised screening: every 3 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with normal or low-grade (NILM/ASCUS/LSIL) cytology: 2-year follow-up (moderate risk) <input type="checkbox"/> More frequent screening post-colposcopy: 2-year follow-up (moderate risk) <input type="checkbox"/> People with histologic evidence of dysplasia in the cervix at the time of hysterectomy and people with a history of early cervical cancer: 1-time post-hysterectomy vaginal vault testing B. Cytology test only <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat after a previous HPV-positive (other high-risk types) with unsatisfactory cytology result	Specimen Site: <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical/endocervical <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal <input type="checkbox"/> Double cervix Special considerations for cytology interpretation: <input type="checkbox"/> Intrauterine device (IUD) <input type="checkbox"/> Postpartum <input type="checkbox"/> Menopausal hormone therapy (MHT) <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Subtotal hysterectomy <input type="checkbox"/> Post-menopausal <input type="checkbox"/> Transition-related hormone therapy Specimen collection date: (yyyy/mm/dd) Last menstrual period (first day): (yyyy/mm/dd) Clinical information
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- Enter information that applies to the specimen
- Include any additional clinical information that may be relevant

- Sign and date the requisition
- Digitized signature will only be accepted if generated by a certified electronic medical record software

Requester Verification Requester signature:	Date: (yyyy/mm/dd)
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Need this information in an accessible format? 1-877-280-8538, TTY 1-800-855-0511, info@ontariohealth.ca.
 Document disponible en français en contactant info@ontariohealth.ca

Where to find the new requisition

- Requisition will be available before HPV launch
 - Can be found on the HPV testing implementation resource hub at ontariohealth.ca/hpvhub
 - Will be sent to providers as part of an information package
- Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) is working with OntarioMD to make the requisition available through certified electronic medical records (EMRs)
- Contact your EMR vendor closer to HPV testing launch to explore how the requisition will be made available

The **new requisition (and other resources)** can also be found on the **Waterloo Wellington Regional Cancer Program website** at:

<https://www.grhosp.on.ca/cancerwaterloowellington/health-care-providers/human-papillomavirus-hpv-testing/cervical-screening-providers>

Reasons a requisition could be rejected

- Participant is not eligible for cervical screening (e.g., due to age or not due for screening)
- Incomplete or illegible
- Requisition is received without a cervical sample
- Lab received duplicate requisitions
- Inappropriate cytology only request
- More than one testing indications selected
- Missing testing indication

Key takeaway:

It is important to complete the requisition accurately to avoid rejection by the lab



Test results

Screening result reports

- Providers will receive result reports from the procured LSPs
- Reports include screening results (HPV test result and if positive, cytology results) and recommended next steps
- Providers will also be notified of invalid HPV results, unsatisfactory cytology results or reasons for rejection

Accessing screening results history

- Authorized providers can access lab test orders and results from hospitals, community and public health labs via the Ontario Laboratories Information System (OLIS)
- OLIS can be accessed through several channels
- There are technical and non-technical prerequisites for accessing OLIS
- For more information visit: <https://ehealthontario.on.ca/en/health-care-professionals/lab-results>

Supporting patients

- Patients will continue to receive OCSP correspondence
 - Invitations/recalls
 - Reminders
 - Results
- **Physician-linked correspondence (PLC)** includes the name of a patient's physician on personalized correspondence letters
 - Research shows PLC helps increase screening rates
 - For more information and to sign up for PLC*, visit cancercareontario.ca/en/physician-linked-correspondence



*Patient enrollment model (PEM) physicians can enroll in PLC; examples of PEM physicians are members of Family Health Groups (FHGs), Family Health Networks (FHNs), and Family Health Organizations (FHOs)

Key resources

- New OCSP requisition and instructions for completing requisition
- Instructions on how to collect a cervical sample
- Frequently asked questions about HPV testing implementation and changes to the OCSP
- Sample colposcopy declined referral and discharge letter templates
- OCSP guide to cervical screening
- OCSP guide to resuming cervical screening post-discharge from colposcopy

Available on the HPV testing implementation resource hub at ontariohealth.ca/hpvhub

Contact information

- If you have any questions, please contact Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) toll-free at **1-866-662-9233** from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca

Questions? E-mail the **Waterloo Wellington Regional Cancer Program** at WWRegionalCancerProgram@grhosp.on.ca



Thank you!