

New Cervical Screening Management Guidelines

The new National Health Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines for the Management of Asymptomatic Women with Screen Detected Abnormalities came into effect on Monday 3rd July, 2006.

Previous guidelines, developed in 1994, were rescinded by the NHMRC in 2000. After an extensive review process, the updated guidelines were endorsed by the NHMRC in July 2005. All Pap test providers are encouraged to follow the new management guidelines.

The main changes to the guidelines relate to:

- New terminology for Pap test cytology.
- Women with a low-grade change should have a repeat Pap test in 12 months
- Biopsy-proven CIN 1 does not require treatment
- Women with atypical glandular cell reports need colposcopy.
- HPV testing is recommended as a test of cure following treatment of high-grade squamous changes.

A full copy of the new guidelines can be accessed at:

www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/wh39syn.htm

For a brief overview of guidelines, visit:

www.papscreen.org/article.asp?ContentID=c1a1

To reflect the new recommendations and terminology, PapScreen Victoria has updated its resources for women and health professionals.

These are now available and are free of charge at:

www.papscreen.org.au

DDDGP in conjunction with other Southern Metropolitan and Eastern Metropolitan divisions is offering a series of Cervical Screening presentations by Stella Healey in August and September throughout the region.

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