

Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – December 2025

Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening eBulletin

Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSF): Screening Cessation

Some Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSF) participants aged 69 to 74 who had previously received a cytology-based cessation letter were incorrectly sent a cervical screening recall letter. Please refer to the table below for the current OCSF cervical screening cessation recommendations.

Cervical Screening Cessation Recommendations:

Age and Immune Status	Last Cervical Screening Test	Recommendation
Immunocompetent at age 69	Three normal cytology tests in previous 10 years	Stop cervical screening
Immunocompetent ages 65 to 69	Negative HPV test	Stop cervical screening
Immunocompetent ages 65 to 69	No cervical screening from age 65 to 69	Screen with HPV test (up to age 74)
Immunocompetent ages 65 to 69	Positive HPV test	Follow the cervical screening pathway until patient has a negative HPV test or until they are age 74, whichever occurs first. Refer to colposcopy if appropriate.
Immunocompromised* ages 65 to 74	Normal annual cytology or negative HPV test	HPV testing until age 74 (one year after last normal cytology test or 3 years after last negative HPV test)
Immunocompetent ages 70 to 74	HPV-positive, regardless of HPV type or cytology	Refer directly to colposcopy
75 and older	Not applicable	The OCSF does not recommend cervical screening for people age 75 and older. People age 75 and older with any visible cervical abnormalities or abnormal symptoms must be investigated, regardless of age.

*Click [here](#) for more information on cervical cancer screening including a list of **immunocompromised populations** that may be at a higher risk of cervical pre-cancer and cancer.

OCSF Recall Correspondence:

If you think there has been a correspondence error, providers and/or patients can follow-up with the Ontario Health Contact Centre (1-866-662-9233) to investigate the issue.

For more information, please refer to the [HPV Testing FAQs](#) available on the [HPV Testing Implementation Hub](#).

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