

Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – November 2024

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Upcoming Changes to the Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP): HPV Testing Implementation - Spring 2025

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) testing will replace cytology as the primary test for cervical screening and will also be used for follow-up testing in colposcopy starting in spring 2025

New! HPV Testing in Ontario: Implementation Resource Hub for Primary Care Providers

To help primary care providers prepare for the implementation of HPV testing in 2025, Ontario Health has launched a website with tools and resources including information about:

- Why HPV testing is being implemented in the OCSP
- Changes to the OCSP's screening recommendations, including
 - Eligibility for screening and management of results
 - Guidance for vaginal vault testing
- Changes to the OCSP's colposcopy pathways

Additional resources such as updated requisitions and tools summarizing the updated screening and colposcopy recommendations will be added to the online resource hub as they become available.

Click [here](#) to access the HPV Testing in Ontario: Implementation Resource Hub.

What is Recommended Until HPV Testing is Implemented in the OCSP?

- For patients who are overdue or due for cervical cancer screening, please continue to use cytology-based screening until HPV testing is implemented as part of the OCSP.
 - Cervical screening with a Pap test is safe, accurate and allows people to receive key benefits of organized screening (e.g., correspondence letters).
 - Please refer to the current [OCSP Screening Recommendations Summary](#).
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Stay tuned: upcoming eBulletins will highlight additional information and the launch date for HPV testing in the OCSP.

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Questions? If you have any questions or if you would like to receive the Cancer Screening Tip of the Month please email the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening team: infoTCRCP@sunnybrook.ca