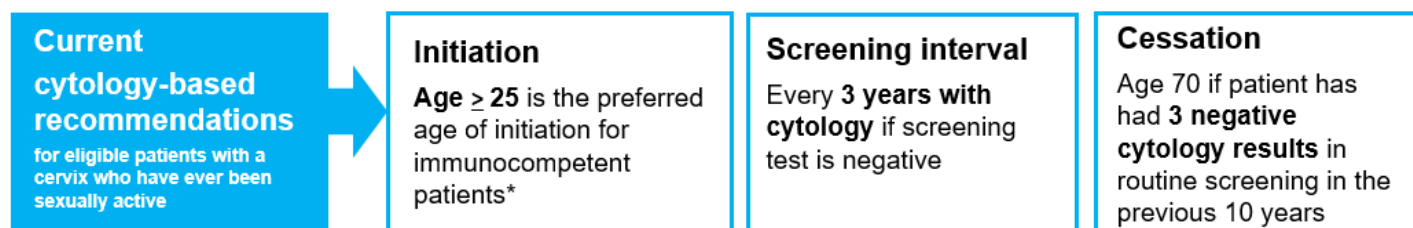


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Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP): Screening Recommendations Summary



*This is based on moderate quality evidence suggesting that immunocompetent people under [age 25](#) do not benefit from cervical screening and may do more harm.

Screening Immunocompromised People:

People who are immunocompromised, who are or who have ever been sexually active, should **start screening at age 21**, including:

- People living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)
- People requiring long-term treatment (either continuously or at frequent intervals) with medications that cause immune suppression
- Organ transplant recipients (solid organ transplant or allogeneic stem cell transplants)
- People living with systemic lupus erythematosus, regardless of whether they are receiving immunosuppressant treatment
- People with congenital (primary) immunodeficiency
- People living with renal failure and require dialysis

Screening Test Positive (Abnormal Cytology) OCSP Recommendations:

- First time low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion (LSIL) or atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (ASCUS)
 - Repeat cytology (Pap) testing **in 12 months** (instead of 6 months)
 - If 12 month repeat result \geq LSIL/ASCUS **refer to colposcopy**
- LSIL or ASCUS result followed by a normal result
 - Repeat cytology (Pap) testing **in 12 months** (instead of 6 months)
 - If 12 month repeat result \geq LSIL/ASCUS **refer to colposcopy**
- High grade: ASC-H, HSIL, AGC, AIS
 - **Refer to colposcopy**

To access the OCSP screening recommendations summary click [here](#). Visit the [Cervical Screening FAQs for Healthcare Providers](#) for more information about the causes of cervical cancer, the benefits and potential limitations of screening, and follow-up recommendations.

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