

Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – March 2024

Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening eBulletin

Will the Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP) Move to Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Testing?

Ontario Health is working with the Ministry of Health to implement HPV testing as the primary cervical screening modality in Ontario. More information will be provided when an official go-live date is announced.

Until HPV Testing is implemented in the OCSP:

- 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 Ontario Cervical Screening Guidelines Summary [here](#).
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Self-Collected HPV Testing is Not Currently Recommended by the OCSP:

- Ontario Health is aware that patient-pay self-collected HPV testing options are available in Ontario.
 - Self-collected HPV testing is **not** currently insured by the Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP) and it is **NOT** recommended by the OCSP.
 - Ontario Health recognizes the potential value of self-collected HPV testing to increase cervical screening participation and are exploring a phased approach to implementation in Ontario which will allow them to determine how best to integrate self-collected HPV testing into the OCSP.
 - Primary care providers who have patients with questions or who have opted to pay for a self-collected HPV test can find information on evidence-based management of self-collected HPV test results at: [Follow-Up of Self-Collected HPV Testing – Cancer Care Ontario](#).
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For more information about cervical cancer screening, please visit the [Cervical Screening FAQs for Healthcare Providers](#).

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