



# Changes to the Ontario Cervical Screening Program

On March 3, 2025, Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) will introduce the **human papillomavirus (HPV) test to replace cytology** for cervical screening and for follow-up testing in colposcopy.

The implementation of HPV testing will result in changes to the Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSPP)'s cervical screening and colposcopy recommendations, including:

- The age of cervical screening initiation will be 25.
- New screening intervals, management of results and indications for referral to colposcopy, and cessation criteria.
- Resumption of cervical screening post-discharge from colposcopy.

New process changes include:

- The [new OCSPP cervical screening requisition](#) must be used to order program-related HPV and cytology tests for eligible participants.
- Program-related specimens must be collected using the ThinPrep® system (not SurePath™).
- Tests will be performed locally by Dynacare or LifeLabs.

## Resources for Health Care Providers

Resources are available on the OH-CCO HPV Hub website [ontariohealth.ca/hpvhub](https://ontariohealth.ca/hpvhub), including:

- Guide to cervical screening.
- Guide to resuming cervical screening post-discharge from colposcopy.
- How to collect a cervical sample.
- Frequently asked questions.
- Cervical screening HPV and cytology tests requisition form and instructions.

## Local Questions

Please visit the Central East Regional Cancer Program website ([cercp.ca](https://cercp.ca)) for information, summarized resources, a list of local colposcopy providers, referral pathways for abnormal follow up, etc. Locally questions may also be directed to [centraleast.csp@lh.ca](mailto:centraleast.csp@lh.ca) or to Ontario Health at 1.866.662.9233 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F) or [cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca).

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