

Cervical screening is one of four organized cancer screening programs offered in Ontario. Primary Care Providers play a significant role in providing this screening to eligible individuals.

In the Central East Region, the cervical screening rate is 52.4%, with an Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) target of 85%. This indicates that nearly half of the individuals that are eligible have not yet received this potentially life-saving screening.

The Central East Regional Cancer Program’s (CERCP) Prevention and Screening Team has been working diligently to develop initiatives to improve cervical screening rates. Increasing the number of providers that are able to perform cervical screening will help to increase overall cervical screening rates.

The CERCP offers HPV and Pap Competency Workshops. The workshop consists of a clinical and practical component, facilitated by the Regional Cervical Screening and Colposcopy Lead. This workshop helps to increase the competency level of physicians, NPs, RNs, RPNs, and Midwives with respect to cervical screening, allowing teams to utilize healthcare providers to their full scope of practice.

In conjunction with the HPV and Pap Competency Workshops, The CERCP is pleased to share the following Cervical Screening Medical Directive. There is no requirement or obligation to use the provided template for your medical directive. This template is being shared with you as an option to help increase your cervical screening rates through appropriate delegation of services to other healthcare providers on your team.

Medical Directives are used to increase provider capacity and utilize other healthcare practitioners on the team to complete cervical screening. This template can be edited/customized to support individual practice needs, allowing nurses and other appropriate healthcare providers (midwives, physician assistants) to conduct cervical screening on your behalf.

For any questions or concerns, please email: centraleast.csp@lh.ca

Reference:

Professional Designation	Professional Governing Body	Resource Links
Physicians and Surgeons	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Delegation of Controlled Acts Boundary Violations The Canadian Medical Association
Nurses	College of Nurses of Ontario	College of Nurses of Ontario Nursing Act, 1991
Midwives	College of Midwives of Ontario	College of Midwives of Ontario Midwifery Act, 1991

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