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HPV Implementation Go-Live:

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

The implementation of HPV testing results in changes to the Ontario Cervical Screening Program cervical screening and colposcopy recommendation, including:

- The age of cervical screening initiation will be 25
- New screening intervals
- New indications and management for referral to colposcopy
- Cessation criteria
- Discharge from Colposcopy back to Primary Care

New process changes include:

- The [new OCSP 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.

Supporting Documents and Resources:

- Please reach out if there are any questions specific to the HPV Implementation that we are able to support (**Webinars and Training can be found in the section below**).
- **Implementation Resource Hub** (contains FAQ, pathways, requisitions, etc): <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/guidelines-advice/cancer-continuum/screening/hpv-hub>
- **HPV Lab Requisition and Cytology Tests:** <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/sites/ccocancercare/files/assets/OH-HPV-Screening-Requisition-EN.pdf>
- **Non-OCSP Requisitions:** On an interim basis, HPV testing for individuals with Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) coverage can be ordered at no cost through LifeLabs, Dynacare and North Bay Regional Health Centre using the same processes used previously for ordering cytology testing:
 - LifeLabs: [Gynecologic-Cytology-and-HPV-Non-OCSP.pdf](#)
 - Dynacare: [Cytology-Requisition-Ontario-PDF-Rebranded.pdf](#)
- **Getting Ready for the Implementation of HPV Testing Webinar Recording:** Presented by Dr. Wray: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaP7AvUkA74>
- **HPV Implementation Changes to Your Practice** (2-page summary document highlighting upcoming changes to the Ontario Cervical Screening Program) – attached.
- **HPV Testing FAQ:** <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/sites/ccocancercare/files/assets/HPV-Testing-FAQs.pdf>

Upcoming Events & Webinars:

Upcoming Cervical Screening Competency Trainings:

- The Central East Regional Cancer Program Cancer Screening and Prevention Team is providing Cervical Screening Competency Training for healthcare providers. These training sessions are being offered free of charge to support the HPV implementation go-live. The intent of this workshop is to expand the number of healthcare providers that are trained to provide this valuable cancer screening to those that are eligible. This training would be suitable for those
 - that are able to provide cervical screening within their scope of practice (physicians, midwives, nurses [RNs and RPNs], and physician assistants) and
 - either new or not comfortable providing speculum exams to complete cervical screening exams.
- The training includes both a theoretical and practical component. *The practical component uses mannequins. Those that attend will receive a certificate of attendance indicating their participation.




***For those that do not require the hands-on training component, we would recommend viewing the Getting Ready for the Implementation of HPV Webinar Recording.**

Region	Location	Date	Time
Peterborough	Peterborough Family Health Team 185 King St, Suite 500 Peterborough	Friday, April 4, 2025	Registration: 8:30am-9:00am Course: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Scarborough	Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities 629 Markham Road Scarborough	Monday, April 14, 2025	Registration: 8:00am-8:30am Course: 8:30am-12:30pm
Durham	Lakeridge Health – Head Office 920 Champlain Court Whitby	Monday, May 5, 2024	Registration: 8:30am-9:00am Course: 9:00am=1:00pm

Past Webinar Recordings:

- Dr. Hugh Kendall, Regional Colorectal Screening and Gastrointestinal (GI) Endoscopy Lead, facilitated a webinar, *Abnormal FIT Follow-Up and Surveillance*. The recording can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4aZujB4J5I>

Regional Cancer Program Updates:

- March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. This is a great time to remind your patients about completing their FIT if they are due.
- Information about the ColonCancerCheck program can be found on our website: <https://cercp.ca/healthcare-provider-resources/#CCC>
- Did You Know? We are on social media.** Follow along as we share great information for community members. Feel free to re-share any of our content:
 [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)  [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com)  [linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)

OH-CCO Updates:

- Sign up now! Physician-Linked Correspondence (attached document):** Physician-linked correspondence is an effective way to motivate eligible patients to get screened for cancer.

Print/Promotional Materials/Community Engagement:

*Provided Free of Charge

- We are currently in the process of updating and ordering new material to support the OCSP Guidelines Changes. Some orders may be delayed in shipping as we wait for the updated resources to be printed.
- If you are interested in receiving any free cancer screening and prevention promotional materials (i.e., posters, brochures, etc), please complete: <https://forms.office.com/r/0GGFL7FNp3>
- All copies are also available in electronic format for waiting room screens, etc. Downloadable versions are available on <https://cercp.ca/healthcare-provider-resources/#health-promotion>.
- If you would like a cancer screening and prevention promotional materials specifically designed, please reach out to centraleast.csp@lh.ca

Data / Reports:

- If you have suggestions on how we could improve cancer screening in our region, please email centraleast.csp@lh.ca

CE RCP 2024/25 Key Performance Indicators – February 2025

Program	Indicator(s)	Central East - Regional Cancer Program	Previous Quarter	Percentage Change (+/-)	Target
OBSP	Participation (50-74)	61.7%	61.7%	0	>=65%
	Participation (40-49)	14.5%	-	-	-
	Abnormal mammogram to dx without tissue biopsy within 5 weeks	93.2%	82.2%	+11% ↑	>=90%
	Abnormal mammogram to dx with tissue biopsy, within 7 weeks	82.5%	75.2%	+7.3% ↑	>=90%
CCC	Participation*	59.7%	60.7%	-1.0% ↓	> 65%
	Abnormal fecal tests with no follow-up within six months	11.3%	10.9%	+0.4% ↑	<18%
	Abnormal fecal test result to hospital colonoscopy wait time	62 days	59 days	+ 3 day ↑	< =56 days
OCSP	Participation	54.1%	54.3%	-0.2% ↓	60%
	High grade test with no f/u within 6 months	10.6%	6.3%	+4.3% ↑	<=10%
	High grade pap test to colposcopy wait times	85 days	89 days	- 4 days ↓	<=70 days

Performance: Current Quarter vs Last Quarter

↓ = Decline from last quarter, positive change
 ↓ = Decline from last quarter, off track
 ↑ = Increase from last quarter, positive change
 ↑ = Increase from last quarter, off track

Performance: Current vs CCO Target

Meeting/Exceeding Target
 Approach Target (within 10%)
 Not Meeting Target

Central East Regional Cancer Program
 Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario)

Note. Quarterly data refresh is reflected in February, May, August, and November reports. OBSP participation is now categorized by two age groups: 40-49 and 50-74. OBSP participation target has also changed to >=65%. CCC annual improvement target changed to >65%.

Additional:

- To subscribe or unsubscribe from this mailing list, please email centraleast.csp@lh.ca

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