# Cervical Screening History Summary

Q&As for Cervical Screening Providers

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## **Questions and Answers**

Set-up for Accessing the Cervical Screening History Summary in thei Practice Management System (PMS).

#### How does it work?

- **Step 1:** Each service provider will receive an email with a hyperlink that will open the Information Access and Use Agreement in the browser.
- **Step 2:** The service provider must accept the Information Access and Use Agreement.
- **Step 3:** Health NZ will inform the PMS vendor when a service provider accepts the Information Access and Use Agreement.
- **Step 4:** The PMS Vendor will enable the Cervical Screening History Summary functionality for the service provider.
- **Step 5:** The PMS Vendor or service provider enables role-based access to eligible healthcare providers in their PMS.
- **Step 6:** The first time the health care provider clicks on the button or link, End User Information Access and Use Agreement must be accepted.
- **Step 7:** The Cervical Screening History Summary is displayed in the PMS.



# Why do we need to accept the Information Access and Use Agreement?

In accordance with the Health (National Cervical Screening Programme)
Amendment Act 2021, there are clear requirements for accessing Cervical
Screening History. An Information Access and Use Agreement must be signed
by all practices before accessing the Cervical Screening Summary. For more
information on the legislation please refer to:

https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1956/0065/latest/whole.html#DLM307750

#### What if I don't accept the Information Access and Use Agreement?

You will not be able to access the Cervical Screening History Summary in your PMS.

# How often will we have to accept the Information Access and Use Agreement?

Once the service provider has accepted the Information Access and Use Agreement, each healthcare provider will only be required to accept the End User Information Access and Use Agreement the first time they click on the

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button or Link in their PMS.

## How do I know my HPI CPN and why is it important?

It's required to accept the Information Access and Use Agreement. Practice Managers and Nurses please refer to:

https://nursingcouncil.org.nz/Public/NCNZ/Public\_Register.aspx

Doctors can login to: <u>mymcnz.org.nz</u>

## Have PHOs been informed of this PMS integration?

Yes, we have sent communications to all PHOs with details of the PMS integration.

## How do I access the Cervical Screening History Summary in the PMS?

Each PMS vendor will update their User Manual and Health NZ will provide a Quick Reference Guide for service and healthcare providers

#### Is there a cost to the practice?

No. Health NZ is covering the cost of this integration with the PMS.

# Why can my colleague see the Cervical Screening History Summary, but I cannot?

Currently access is restricted to registered healthcare workers. HNZ is exploring options to see if we can increase access to more healthcare providers.

## Do I need to save the Cervical Screening History Summary?

No. We recommend using the button or Link in your PMS to view the screening summary as this shows real time information each time the button or Link is selected.

Please note, if you can download the Screening Summary and choose to do so, then this may be visible to the person in the patient portal.

Please see the example Cervical Screening History Summary on page 7.

# Who do I contact if the Cervical Screening History Summary doesn't look correct, or I need support around understanding the summary?

Contact your Regional Coordinator.

Please refer: <a href="https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/contacts-and-locations">https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/contacts-and-locations</a>

#### How do I update gender, sex assigned at birth and ethnicity?

Some PMS allow changes to these fields in the PMS, but this information doesn't automatically sync to the National Cervical Screening Programme Register. If this information is incorrect, please call the Register team on 0800 729 729.

**Gender** = Update in your PMS and then do a manual sync with the National Enrolment Service (NES)

Sex = Call 0800 729 729 or your Regional Coordinator

Please refer: <a href="https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/contacts-and-locations">https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/contacts-and-locations</a>

Ethnicity = Update in your PMS and then do an NHI sync

# I want to advise of a hysterectomy that's not recorded on the Register how do I do this?

Please complete this form: <a href="https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/clinical-forms#hysterectomy-form">https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/clinical-forms#hysterectomy-form</a>

#### What is a Pathway Status?

Every participant in the Cervical Screening Register has a Pathway Status. The Register uses this information to determine what the next step should be when after a result is received. The pathway status provides context for the Next Expected Event on the Register.

Pathway Status	Meaning
Unregistered	A cervical test result has been received for a person who is not part of the population identified as eligible for screening.
Registered	This person is in the identified population for the NCSP, but has not yet had communication from NCSP
Notified	This person has been sent a letter that they are part of the eligible population to participate in the NCSP
Cytology Recall	Cytology is required as the next step for this participant based on their result as cytology was not included in their primary screening test.
1st Repeat Cytology Recall	Cytology is required as the next step for this participant based on their result as cytology was not included in their 1st repeat recall.

Annual Co-Test Recall  This participant requires annual co-test screening with HPV and cytology because of the history of a previous HPV-negative high-grade cervical or vaginal lesion, or a history of AIS where the HPV status prior to treatment was negative or unknown.  Ist Repeat HPV Recall  This participant is currently in a 12-month recall period and will be recalled for first repeat HPV at the end of 12 months  This participant is currently in a 12-month recall period and will be recalled for second repeat HPV at the end of 12 months  Under Specialist Care  This participant has had a referral accepted at a specialist colposcopy clinic and has not been discharged  Colposcopy Referral  This participant is being referred to Colposcopy and the referral has not yet been accepted at the colposcopy clinic  This participant requires their first negative co-test of a Test of
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<b>1st Test of Cure</b> This participant requires their first negative co-test of a Test of
Cure in order to move to 2nd Test of Cure status
<b>1st Test of Cure</b> (Repeated)  This participant had a first Test of Cure co-test with HPV Not Detected and Low-Grade cytology and needs to repeat their first Test of Cure
<b>2nd Test of Cure</b> This participant has had a negative co-test and requires their second negative co-test to complete the Test of Cure
<b>1st Post-Colposcopy</b> Recall  This participant requires an HPV test following their normal colposcopy
<b>1st Post-Colposcopy</b> Cytology is required as the next step for this participant based on their result as Cytology was not included in their 1st post-colposcopy recall
<b>2nd Post-Colposcopy</b> This participant requires a further HPV test following their normal colposcopy and 1st post-colposcopy recall test/s.
Withdrawn (Pending)  This participant has indicated they wish to withdraw from the NCSP, and they are currently within the grace period prior to withdrawal
Withdrawn  This Person has been withdrawn from the NCSP and all data has been deleted.
5 Year Recall  This participant is currently in a 5-year recall period and will be recalled for regular interval screening at the end of the 5 years
<b>3 Year Recall</b> This participant is currently in a 3-year recall period and will be recalled for regular interval screening at the end of the 3 years
Unenrolled This person has been unenrolled from the NCSP and an unenrolment reason will be provided
Under Gynae-Oncology  This participant has been referred on to Gynae-Oncology

#### **Unenrolment Reasons**

A person can have an unenrolled status for the following reasons

Reason	Explanation
Deceased	Person is deceased
Ineligible	The NCSP has been advised that a person was born without a cervix. This is NOT related to eligibility for funded healthcare in NZ
Total Hysterectomy	Person has had a Total Hysterectomy and completed any recommended follow up
Over 70	Person has either met the exit criteria of the programme after age 65 years, or has exited at 75 years.
Cancer	Participant has had cervical or vaginal cancer which was FIGO Stage 1A2 or greater. Any further testing is outside the NCSP and should be as instructed by an oncologist or gynaecologist.
Specialist recommends No Further Screening	Has been seen by a specialist and they recommend no further screening.
No More Screening Acknowledgement	The participant or their healthcare provider has notified the programme that the participant declines further screening.
No tracking as per NCSP-R	Person was unenrolled from the previous cytology screening programme cervical screening register. This could have been for any of the reasons on this list.
Unwell	The participant or their healthcare provider has notified the programme that the person is too unwell to participate in the screening programme.
Overseas	The participant or healthcare provider has notified the programme that the person has moved overseas

## What is a Next Expected Event?

A Next Expected Event (NEE) is the next test or action that is recommended for a participant, e.g. an HPV test or a Test of Cure co-test. Definitions below:

Eligibility Notification	The participant will be notified of their eligibility for screening, your practice should also invite the participant	
HPV Screening Test	An HPV screen as part of standard 5-year or 3-year recall interval (can be offered via vaginal swab or cervical sample)	
HPV Test Result	An HPV test outside of standard 5-year or 3-year recall interval e.g. 12-month repeat HPV after HPV Other is detected (you should recommend a cervical sample for these participants)	
Repeat HPV	The last HPV test was Invalid or Unsuitable for analysis and needs to be repeated	
Cytology Test Result	A cytology test	
Repeat Cytology	The last cytology was unsatisfactory, and the Liquid Based Cytology (LBC) needs to be repeated	
Annual Co-Test	A co-test (HPV and cytology from an LBC sample)	
Referral to Colposcopy	Refer to colposcopy, the NCSP Register has not received confirmation, yet that referral has been accepted	
Colposcopy Visit	The colposcopy referral has been accepted, visit pending	
Test of Cure Co-Test	A co-test (HPV and cytology from an LBC sample) as part of a Test of Cure	
<blank></blank>	No next expected event - e.g. if they have been unenrolled, withdrawn or under gynae-oncology	

#### What is a Next Event Due Date?

The Next Event Due Date (NEEDD) is the date when the next cervical screening event or test is due to happen.

#### Example:

Situation	Next Expected Event and Next Event Due Date
Participant:  1. Is in routine screening  2. Is not immune deficient  3. Last test was HPV Not detected	Next expected event  HPV Screening Test  Next event due date  5 years after date of last test result.
Participant:  1. Has HPV Other detected, for the first time  2. Cytology is normal	Next expected event  HPV Test Result  Next event due date  12 months after the previous result.

## Why is the participant on a 5-year recall when they haven't had an HPV test yet?

Someone who was in 3 yearly screening in the cytology programme will now have a Pathway Status of 5-year recall. Their Next Event Due Date will be 3 years after their last normal cytology. In the new HPV screening programme, the Pathway Status of 3-year recall is only for people with immune deficiency.

### Why does the participant not have a NEE or NEEDD?

People who have become newly eligible but have not yet been sent a letter will not have a Next Expected Event. Please check their contact details and offer a test if appropriate.

If someone has withdrawn from the NCSP, is Unenrolled or is under Gynae-Oncology they will not have a Next Expected Event or Next Event Due Date.

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# Why does a participant who has had a total hysterectomy have a Pathway Status of 5-year recall or Test of Cure?

The NCSP Register does not have complete information about hysterectomy. Please check the Participant Summary box at the top of the screening summary to see if the NCSP is aware of the hysterectomy. If the person has "no information available" for the hysterectomy box please review the guidance in the following form, and fill out the required sections: <a href="https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/clinical-forms#hysterectomy-form">https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/clinical-forms#hysterectomy-form</a>

If the person has "yes" for hysterectomy and has a Next Expected Event and due date this is because the person is recommended to either have an HPV test or a Test of Cure. You can find more information in Section 10, page 62 of the Clinical Practice Guidelines 2023, or follow the flowchart on page 67 of the Clinical Practice Guidelines 2023.

**Note:** if a person has had a sub-total hysterectomy, their cervix remains, and they are eligible to participate in cervical screening.

#### What does unenrolled mean?

People are unenrolled from NCSP for or a variety of reasons, including:

- age
- being diagnosed with cervical cancer
- 3. a specialist has recommended no further screening
- 4. being overseas long-term
- 5. being too unwell to screen
- 6. due to declining any further screening

If someone is Unenrolled from NCSP they will not receive notifications or reminders (letters) and will not appear on overdue lists from your PHO. Test results received after a person has been unenrolled are recorded on the register as required by legislation, unless the person has withdrawn.

If you believe someone has been unenrolled incorrectly, please contact your <u>Regional Coordinator.</u>

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#### What does Withdrawn mean?

This is done after a request from a participant to withdraw from the NCSP and means that all results are permanently removed from the NCSP Register, the person will not receive any communications from the NCSP. A withdrawn participant can continue to screen with their healthcare provider however their results will not be recorded on the NCSP Register. You will not be able to download any screening summary for someone who has withdrawn.

## A referral has been sent, but the pathway status is saying "Colposcopy Referral" – why?

It takes time for the notification of the referral being accepted to come to the Register. If you have had confirmation from the clinic that the referral has been accepted or that the person has an appointment you do not need to do anything.

# Why is the Next Event Due Date prior to the most recent test I can see in the screening summary?

This is likely because the Register has not accepted the recommendation given by the lab or colposcopy clinic on the last test result or discharge. These require review and may need to be amended if incorrect.

Please call 0800 729 729 if you require advice in interpreting the screening summary or have concerns that it may be incorrect.

# Why is the participant under gynae-oncology when they were discharged a long time ago?

All participants with a history of cervical or vaginal cancer are being reviewed by NCSP clinicians, this is ongoing work. Please follow any testing recommendations in the clinic letters from gynae oncology. There may be ongoing outpatient follow -up after discharge

## Why is the Specimen Taker or Requested By Facility blank?

This is a known issue that we are working to resolve.

# What should I do if I believe any of the information on the cervical screening history summary is incorrect?

Contact your Regional Coordinator

Please refer: <a href="https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/contacts-and-locations">https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/ncsp-hpv-screening/contacts-and-locations</a>

#### Who can I contact for further information, queries or suggestions?

Your regional coordination team on 0800 729 729 for any queries regarding the summary. For any technical support, please refer to the Quick Reference Guide for your PMS.

## **Useful Links**

Regional HealthPathways Links

https://healthify.nz/healthcare-providers/r/regional-healthpathways-links-hcps/

Nursing Council Register - HPI CPN

https://nursingcouncil.org.nz/Public/NCNZ/Public\_Register.aspx

## **Example Cervical Screening History Summary**

#### **National Cervical Screening Programme** Screening History Report As at 25-11-2024 10:37



#### **Participant Details**

Full Name Wilkin HPV Do Not Use - PMS

Date of Birth 02-05-1983 Ethnicity New Zealand European

NHI Number ZMH4320

Female Gender

Sex assigned at birth No information available

Address 45 Dale Road, Raumati

South, Paraparaumu, 5032

#### Participant Summary

Pathway Status 3 Year Recall Immune Deficient

Next Expected Event HPV Screening Test Total Hysterectomy No information available Next Event Due Date 27-01-2027 Cervical/Vaginal Cancer No information available

Send programme correspondence

#### **Screening History**

Specimen Taker & Requested By Facility Specimen taken 27-01-2024 may be blank on some summaries **Event HPV** Test We are working on fixing this issue.

Specimen Taker Requested By Facility

Received By Facility Southern Community Labs Dunedin

Specimen Id

Test Type LBC - Liquid based cytology

ND: NOT DETECTED Subtype Detected

Recommendation H2-The next HPV screening test should be taken in 3 years because of the clinical

history of immune deficiency

Specimen taken 17-06-2022 Event Cytology Test

Specimen Type LBC - Liquid based cytology

Specimen Id ZKS2269 Specimen Taker Mickey Dee Requested By Facility Dr Jane John Surgery Received By Facility Allana Family Planning Clinic

SI - The specimen is satisfactory for evaluation Adequacy

Interpretation 02 - There are fungal organisms morphologically consistent with Candida species

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**General Category** 01 - CYTOLOGY: NEGATIVE FOR INTRAEPITHELIAL LESION OR MALIGNACY

Recommendations R6 - Please repeat the smear in 12 months

25-09-2021 Specimen taken Event Medical Condition

Wilkin HPV Do Not Use - PMS ZMH4320

Source

Type STARTIMSUP - Immune Deficient

The information in this report is held in the NCSP Register. If you believe it to be incorrect, please call 0800 729 729

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