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New NCSP Recommendation – HPV “Test of Cure”

In line with a recent National Cervical Screening Programme recommendation to laboratories, a new comment indicating that the patient is entitled to an HPV test, will be added to APS reports where the patient fits the HPV “Test of Cure” category.

The comment will become a new recommendation under the Bethesda reporting system, which will provide the correct 12 month recall with additional information regarding the HPV test.

The new comment is:

“Annual smears are indicated because of a previous high grade abnormality. This patient meets the NCSP Guidelines for HPV testing for Test of Cure. The smear taker must obtain patient consent to perform the first HPV test. Please fax the HPV request to the laboratory on 09 570 8612. The ThinPrep vial will be discarded 1 month after receipt in the laboratory.”

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