

SNAPSHOT ON CERVICAL SCREENING

An information sheet for healthcare providers.

The National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) aims to reduce morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer in a cost-effective manner through an organised approach to screening. Currently the NCSP promotes routine screening with a Pap test every two years for women aged 18 to 69 years.

On 1 December 2017, the NCSP will be moving to a five yearly HPV test for women aged 25 to 74 years.



E-learning

To assist Healthcare Providers in preparing for these changes to the NCSP, the Department of Health and NPS MedicineWise have developed Cervical Screening Online Training Modules.

This comprehensive set of online learning modules, based on the *National Cervical Screening Program: Guidelines for the Management of Screen-Detected Abnormalities, Screening in Specific Populations and Investigation of Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding (2016 Guidelines)*, provide healthcare providers with information on the following areas:

- Changes to the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP)
- Changes to practice and the cervical screening clinical pathway
- Communicating the importance of screening and test results to patients.

All six interactive online modules are accredited for CPD points with RACGP, ACRRM, ACN, ACM and APNA.

The modules cover:

- 1 – Cervical cancer
- 2 – Changes to the National Cervical Screening Program
- 3 – Communicating the importance of screening
- 4 – Screening in practice
- 5 – Understanding the screening pathway
- 6 – Communicating test results and patient management

ONLINE TRAINING MODULES <https://learn.nps.org.au/mod/page/view.php?id=7804>

For more information and resources:

- Information on the current program and the 'Renewal' of the NCSP
<http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/cervical-screening-1>
- Cervical Screening Online Training Modules
http://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Cervical_cancer/Screening
- Real life scenarios to assist with understanding the 2016 Guidelines
http://wiki.cancer.org.au/australia/Guidelines:Cervical_cancer/Screening/E-learning

To download an electronic copy of this resource visit: <http://www.bsphn.org.au/primary-health-support/cancer-screening/>