

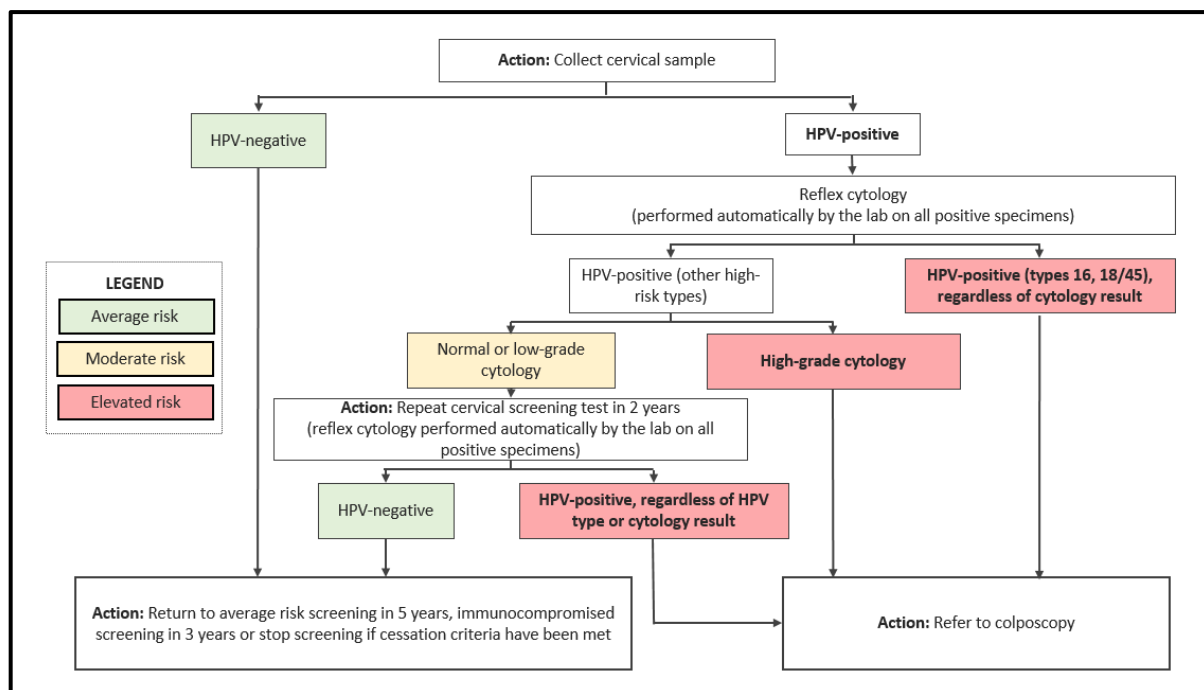
## Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – March 2025

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### Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCS): Management of HPV Test Results and Patients Discharged from Colposcopy

On **March 3, 2025**, the human papillomavirus (HPV) replaced cytology (papanicolaou smears) as the primary test for cervical screening in the OCS. Please refer to the [HPV Testing in Ontario: Implementation Resource Hub](#) for more information and resources to support providers with this change.

#### New Cervical Screening Pathway:



#### Resuming Cervical Screening Post-discharge from Colposcopy:

Regardless of HPV type or cytology result at referral, most people referred to colposcopy will not have high-grade histology detected in colposcopy. The likelihood of developing cervical pre-cancer and cancer is greatly reduced and they can return to cervical screening in primary care. Click [here](#) for more information.

First post-discharge screening interval			Second post-discharge screening interval	
Referral cytology from primary care	HPV status at discharge from colposcopy	Action	Screening result at first recall	Action
Normal (NILM) or low-grade (ASCUS or LSIL)	N/A (HPV test not repeated in colposcopy)	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk screening in 5 years <sup>1</sup>
			HPV-positive <sup>2</sup>	Re-refer to colposcopy
High-grade (ASC-H, LSIL-H, AGC, HSIL or AEC)	HPV-negative	Return to average risk screening in 5 years <sup>1</sup>	N/A	
	HPV-positive <sup>2</sup>	Screen in 2 years	HPV-negative	Return to average risk screening in 5 years <sup>1</sup>
			HPV-positive <sup>2</sup>	Re-refer to colposcopy

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