

Pathology test guide for cervical (clinician-collected) and vaginal (self-collected) testing

Patient presents as	Context*	Age	Sample type	Test type	What to write on the pathology request form
Asymptomatic	NCSP routine 5-yearly screening • Only 1 of this MBS item is claimable in a 57-month period	> 24yrs & 9 mths	Cervical	HPV test	Cervical Screening Test (CST) – clinician-collected
	• Patient opts to self-collect • Only 1 of this MBS item is claimable in a 57 month period		Vaginal	HPV test	Cervical Screening Test (CST) - self-collected
	Patient opts to self-collect • Following a self-collect test result of HPV detected, not 16/18 (intermediate risk)		Cervical	Standalone LBC	LBC
Asymptomatic	Screening in specific populations • Immune-deficient • Early sexual debut, prior to 14 years and not vaccinated prior to sexual debut (only one claimable between 20 to 24 years of age)	Any age	Cervical	HPV test	• HPV test, Immune-deficient • HPV test, Early debut HPV
	Follow-up test claimable after previous positive screening test (12 or 24 month repeat)				Follow-up HPV test – clinician-collected
	Patient opts to self-collect for follow-up test after previous positive screening test (12 or 24 month repeat)		Vaginal	Follow-up HPV test – self-collected	
	Follow-up or post-treatment for clinical management • Following treatment of HSIL (also called “Test of Cure”) • Following treatment of AIS • DES exposed <i>in utero</i>		Cervical	Co-test (HPV & LBC)	• “Co-test” or “HPV & LBC”, Test of Cure • “Co-test” or “HPV & LBC” Post-treatment • “Co-test” or “HPV & LBC”, DES
Symptomatic	For investigation of symptoms e.g. abnormal bleeding				“Co-test” or “HPV & LBC”, Symptomatic
HPV test after total hysterectomy	• No evidence of cervical pathology on hysterectomy specimen and patient screening history not available	Any age	Vaginal vault	HPV test	Vaginal vault HPV
	• Unexpected LSIL or HSIL identified in hysterectomy specimen; • Hysterectomy for treatment of HSIL in the presence of benign gynaecological disease; or • Following histologically-confirmed HSIL without previous Test of Cure and no cervical pathology in hysterectomy specimen.			Co-test (HPV & LBC)	Vaginal vault “Co-test” or “HPV & LBC”
Follow-up after follow-up self-collect HPV test (clinical management)	• Following the detection of oncogenic HPV (any type) on a self-collected screening test (24 month repeat)	Any age	Vaginal	HPV test	Self-collect HPV follow-up test
			Cervical	Standalone LBC	LBC
Repeat test following an unsatisfactory test	Following an unsatisfactory test • Only claimable when preceded by another cervical or vaginal MBS Item	Any age	Cervical	HPV test	HPV test, previous result unsatisfactory
			Vaginal	HPV test	HPV test, previous result unsatisfactory
			Cervical	LBC	LBC, previous result unsatisfactory

* Further appropriate use scenarios is outlined in the NCSP Clinical Guidelines, accessible from Cervical cancer screening | Cancer Council www.cancer.org.au/clinical-guidelines/cervical-cancer-screening