
Chapter 6 - Providing a Colposcopy Service

Support For Women Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- encourage women to attend colposcopy appointments
 - provide support for women
 - meet each woman's needs.
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Policy

Colposcopy services must be available and appropriate to women.

- Māori, as Tangata Whenua (people of the land), have a special relationship with the Crown. The Crown has duties and responsibilities under the Treaty of Waitangi to ensure improved Māori health outcomes. Service providers as agents of the Crown have an obligation to fulfil these responsibilities.
- Colposcopy services are required to be appropriate and supportive of Pacific women, Asian women and women from other ethnic groups, and to acknowledge their culture and ensure cultural competence throughout the service.
- Colposcopy services are required to meet the diverse needs of women of all ages and sexual orientation.

Note: Colposcopy services are required to be culturally safe, ensuring that the individual women's needs are met. The service should ensure staff undertake Treaty of Waitangi training and are able to apply these concepts when working with Māori women.

Details

Colposcopy services must:

- encourage and provide facilities for the woman's family, whanau or other support people to attend the colposcopy appointment
 - provide adequate information regarding colposcopy procedures and their implications
 - ensure there is adequate time for decision making
 - have counselling available from a counsellor or social worker, or a nurse with counselling experience
 - obtain informed consent from the woman for the presence of non-essential personnel.
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See also

See also:

- Chapter 4, page 10 for additional information regarding informed consent
 - Providing Information to Women Policy, page 6.13
 - Standard 601, page 6.22.
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