## Indications for an HPV test

Until such time as HPV primary screening is implemented, HPV tests sent to the laboratory from primary care must meet the current Guidelines.

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<td><strong>HPV Triage</strong></td>
<td>Women 30 years and older with ASC-US or low grade changes who have not had an abnormality in the previous five years</td>
<td>To assess the risk of progression of cell changes, or an underlying high grade lesion that requires treatment</td>
<td>Using the same sample as for the ASC-US or LSIL cytology, the HPV test is added on</td>
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| **Test of Cure**    | 1. After treatment for a high grade squamous cell lesion  
2. After a total hysterectomy and a previous CIN2 or CIN3  
3. After a cytology possible or definite high grade squamous result where no high grade lesion has been found on investigation | To assess the safety of the woman returning to three-yearly screening | Two ‘co-tests’ a year apart  
- Cytology + HPV test (one year post treatment)  
- Repeat cytology + HPV test one year later  
- If both tests are negative she can return to 3 yearly screening | The smearaker must order the HPV test (the laboratory is not allowed to add it on) |
| **Historical Testing** | High grade squamous cell changes > 3 years previously with subsequent normal annual screening | To assess the safety of returning to three-yearly screening | Two ‘co-tests’ a year apart  
- Cytology + HPV test  
- Repeat cytology + HPV test one year later  
- If both tests are negative she can return to 3 yearly screening | The smearaker must order the HPV test (the laboratory is not allowed to add it on) |
| **Women seen at colposcopy** | To assist managing women with discordant results | One HPV test                                                              | The specialist orders the test. They cannot delegate staff in general practice to order the HPV test on their behalf. |