

Cytology Terminology Table

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Code	Cytology Pattern (Bethesda Terminology)	HPV Test Result (where applicable)	Code	Management Recommendation	Rationale/ Recommendation
P1	Unsatisfactory/inadequate	N/A	R6	3 month repeat	First or second unsatisfactory smear test result Woman previously treated for glandular abnormality & no TZ cells present
			R7	Refer to colposcopy	3 consecutive unsatisfactory smear test results Any 3 smear test results that are abnormal in previous 10 years & woman has not had colposcopy
P2	Negative/NAD	N/A	R1	No further screening required	Screening completed - woman is over 61 years or will be over 61 years when next smear test is due
			R2a	3 year re-call	No history OR completed follow-up regime post colposcopy OR routine re-call screening history (< 45 years) OR second consecutive negative smear following result of ASCUS or LSIL and woman has not had HPV testing performed
			R2b	5 year re-call	Second successive routine re-call recommendation, woman > = 45 years
			R3	1 year re-call	If advised annual smear tests at colposcopy discharge
					If this is the first smear test following a result of ASCUS or LSIL and woman has not had HPV testing performed If HIV+/post organ transplant/DES exposed/renal dialysis
			R4	6 month repeat	Following hysterectomy and CIN is completely excised (follow discharge recommendation) If advised bi-annual smear tests at colposcopy discharge
R7	Refer to colposcopy	If suspicious cervix			
P3a or P4	ASCUS or LSIL	Not detected/negative	R1	No further screening required	Screening completed - woman is over 61 years or will be over 61 years when next smear test is due
			R3	1 year re-call	Any ASCUS or LSIL result in combination with hrHPV not detected result and woman is HIV+/post organ transplant/DES exposed/renal dialysis
			R2a	3 year re-call	Any ASCUS or LSIL result in combination with hrHPV not detected result and woman is under 45 years
			R2b	5 year re-call	Any ASCUS or LSIL result in combination with hrHPV not detected result and woman is over 45 years (if this is second successive routine re-call recommendation)
			R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any ASCUS or LSIL result in combination with hrHPV detected result
		Indeterminate/test not processed	R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any ASCUS or LSIL result where the HPV test was either equivocal/indeterminate or test was not processed for technical reasons
P3b	ASC-H	N/A	R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any ASC-H result
P5 or P6	HSIL	N/A	R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any HSIL result
P7	Query squamous cell carcinoma	N/A	R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any query squamous cell carcinoma result
P8a	AGC (atypical glandular cells)	N/A	R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any AGC result
P8b	AGC favour neoplastic process	N/A	R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any AGC favour neoplastic result
P9	Query glandular neoplasia/AIS/ Adenocarcinoma	N/A	R7	Refer to colposcopy	Any query glandular neoplasia/AIS/Adenocarcinoma result
P10	Broken/damaged/expired vial or sample	N/A	R6	3 month repeat	Repeat no earlier than 3 months from date of last smear test

* Regardless of age women require two consecutive NAD smear results with a routine re-call recommendation at 3 year interval prior to moving to a 5 year interval.

* If there are endometrial cells present out of cycle for a woman over 40 years it is recommended to refer for gynaecological assessment.

* If clinical details record PCB/IMB/PMB it is recommended to refer for gynaecological assessment.

* TZ cells must be present in the smear sample if a woman has previously been treated for a glandular abnormality.