

CervicalCheck Clinical Guidance Note: Management of abnormal bleeding or other symptoms of cancer.

Purpose: To provide guidance on taking screening tests when a woman complains of abnormal vaginal bleeding or other symptoms which could suggest cervical cancer.

- **Initial assessment:**
 - Comprehensive history: check Clinical, sexual, contraceptive and screening history
 - Speculum and pelvic examination:
 - A speculum and pelvic examination are important for every woman with symptoms which could suggest cervical cancer. An examination should include an assessment of the vulva, perineum, vagina, cervix, and a pelvic examination. Even with normal screening results, further investigation may be needed if abnormal symptoms persist, to ensure that underlying conditions are identified.
- **Management of women complaining of abnormal vaginal bleeding:**

Cervix appears normal /Cervix with benign pathology

- If the cervix appears normal and the patient is due for screening (check eligibility on the [CervicalCheck website](#)), a screening test should be performed. Consideration should be given to performing additional diagnostic tests to identify a cause for persistent unexplained symptoms.
- If the cervix appears normal and the patient is not due screening, a screening test should not be performed. Consideration should be given to performing additional diagnostic tests to identify a cause for persistent unexplained symptoms.

Action: Referral to the nearest Ambulatory Gynae or Gynae clinic may be required for evaluation of persistent unexplained symptoms.

Cervix appears suspicious for cervical cancer:

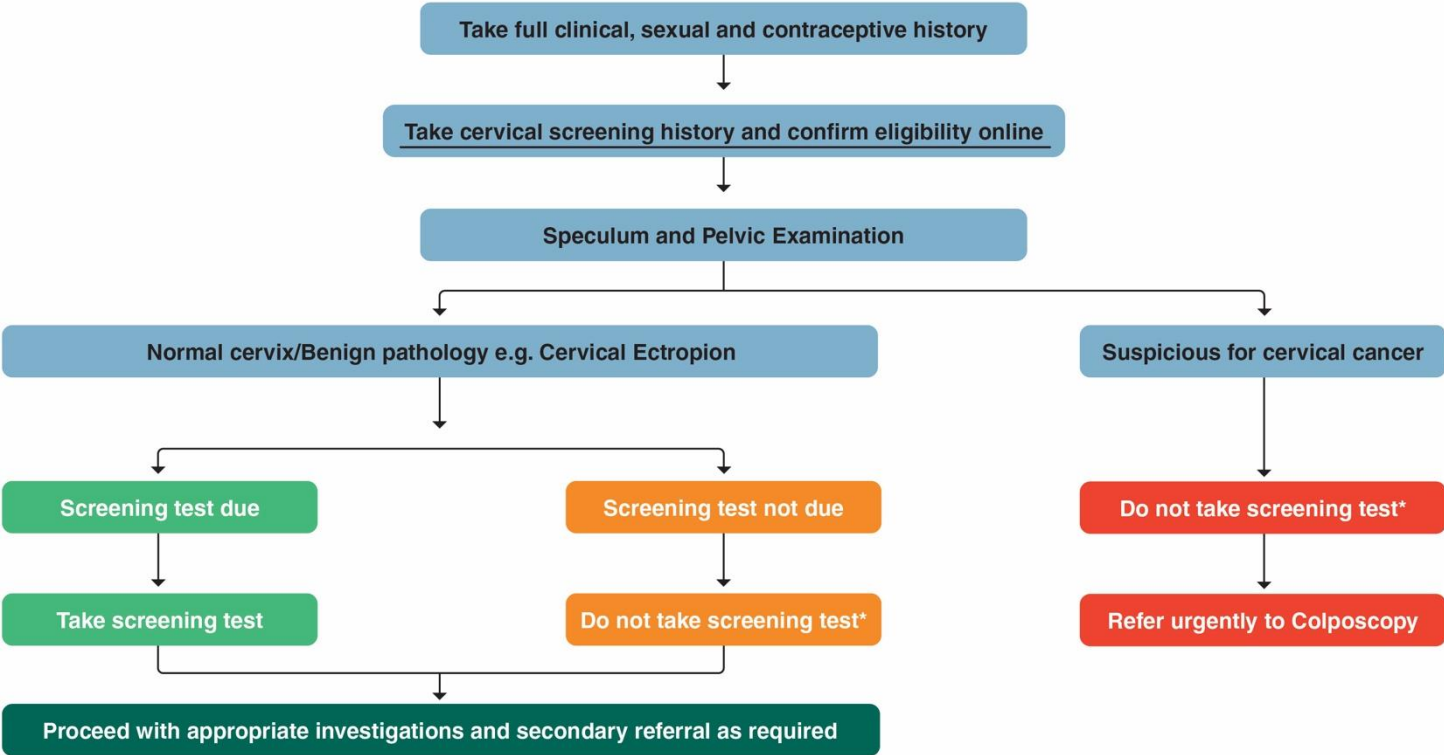
○ If a cervix appears suspicious for cervical cancer during examination, a screening test should not be performed.

Action: Urgent referral to the nearest colposcopy unit for a prompt and thorough evaluation is required.

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