



HPV Reporting

Since the adoption of HPV testing within the New Zealand cervical screening programme, the test platform we use produces results with partial genotyping.

We independently identify HPV types 16 and 18 as distinct from the other 11 high-risk strains that we also test for. The initial recommendation from the NCSP was to simply report positive or negative which has been our practice to date. We have however reported the partial genotyping results to the NCSP.

As we have gained experience it has become clear that this information is also useful for clinicians.

We are now reporting HPV results as "detected" followed by subtypes detected as "16, 18, other" as relevant including multiple HPV strain detections if present.

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