

# Fall 2022 Provincial Colposcopy Community of Practice (CoP)

Webinar 2

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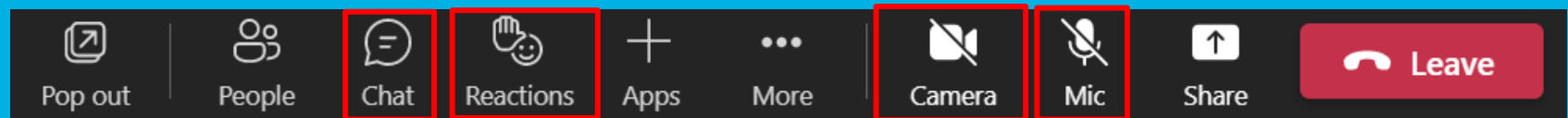
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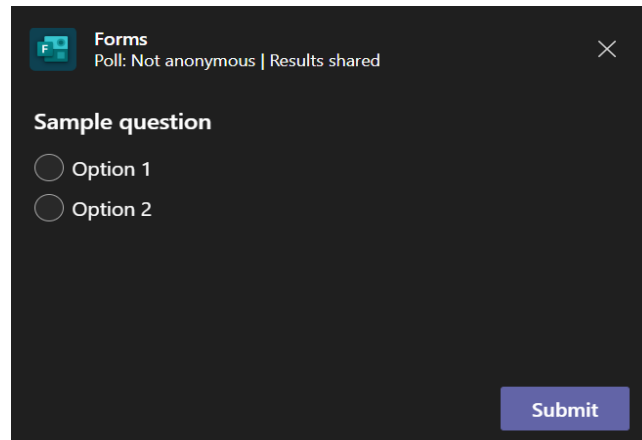
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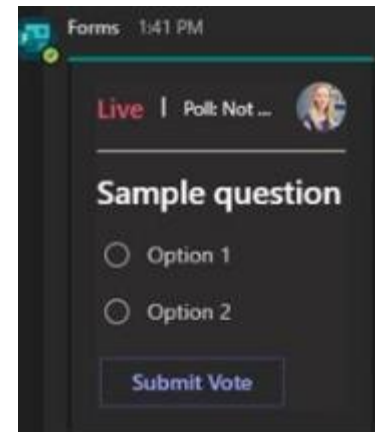
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# Agenda: Webinar 2


Item	Presenter	Time
Welcome and introductions	Christine Stogios	5:30 – 5:35 pm
Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP) updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation of human papillomavirus (HPV) testing in Ontario</li><li>• Impact of COVID-19 on cervical screening and colposcopy</li></ul>	Dr. Dustin Costescu	5:35 – 5:45 pm
Case study #1: Management of atypical glandular cells, favour neoplasia (AGC-N)	Dr. Dustin Costescu	5:45 – 6:05 pm
Cervical screening and colposcopy quality reporting: Facility reports	Dr. Rachel Kupets	6:05 – 6:20 pm
Questions from the field	Dr. Dustin Costescu	6:20 – 6:35 pm
Case study #2: Management of adenocarcinoma in-situ (AIS) with positive margins on loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP)	Dr. Dustin Costescu	6:35 – 6:55 pm
Concluding remarks	Dr. Dustin Costescu	6:55 – 7:00 pm



# Learning objectives

Following this meeting, participants will better understand:

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cervical screening and colposcopy services in Ontario
- Risk-based recommendations for patients who have a screening result of AGC-N
- What to expect for the 2022 quality reports and how to ensure colposcopists are able to benefit from quality reporting activities
- Risk-based recommendations for patients who have AIS with positive margins on LEEP



# Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP) updates

5:35 – 5:45 pm

Dr. Dustin Costescu

# Reminder: Guidance for resumption of cervical screening

- The OCSP continues to encourage primary care providers (PCPs) to initiate cervical screening at **age 25** for people who are immunocompetent
  - People who are immunocompromised who are or have ever been sexually active should continue to be screened starting at age 21
- The OCSP will formally change the age of initiation for cervical screening from 21 to 25 with the implementation of HPV testing in the program

# Reminder: Referral to colposcopy with first time low-grade result


- The OCSP recommends PCPs to extend the interval for repeating cytology after a low-grade result from 6 months to 12 months
  - Evidence-based and is considered safe and acceptable
- Delaying repeat test allows more time for clearance of the HPV infection and avoids unnecessary interventions
- The risk of cervical cancer is very low for people with first time low-grade cytology results



# Implementation of HPV testing in Ontario

# Progress towards HPV testing implementation

- Evaluating submissions for both HPV Test System Vendor and HPV Laboratory Services Provider(s) Request for Proposals (RFPs)
- Finalizing program's updated cervical screening and colposcopy recommendations underway
- Drafting future state laboratory screening and colposcopy requisitions to request program-related HPV and cytology tests for eligible participants
- Executing on Stakeholder Engagement and Communications plan by engaging relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to regional physician leads, providers offering screening and colposcopy, etc.



# Impact of COVID-19 on cervical screening and colposcopy

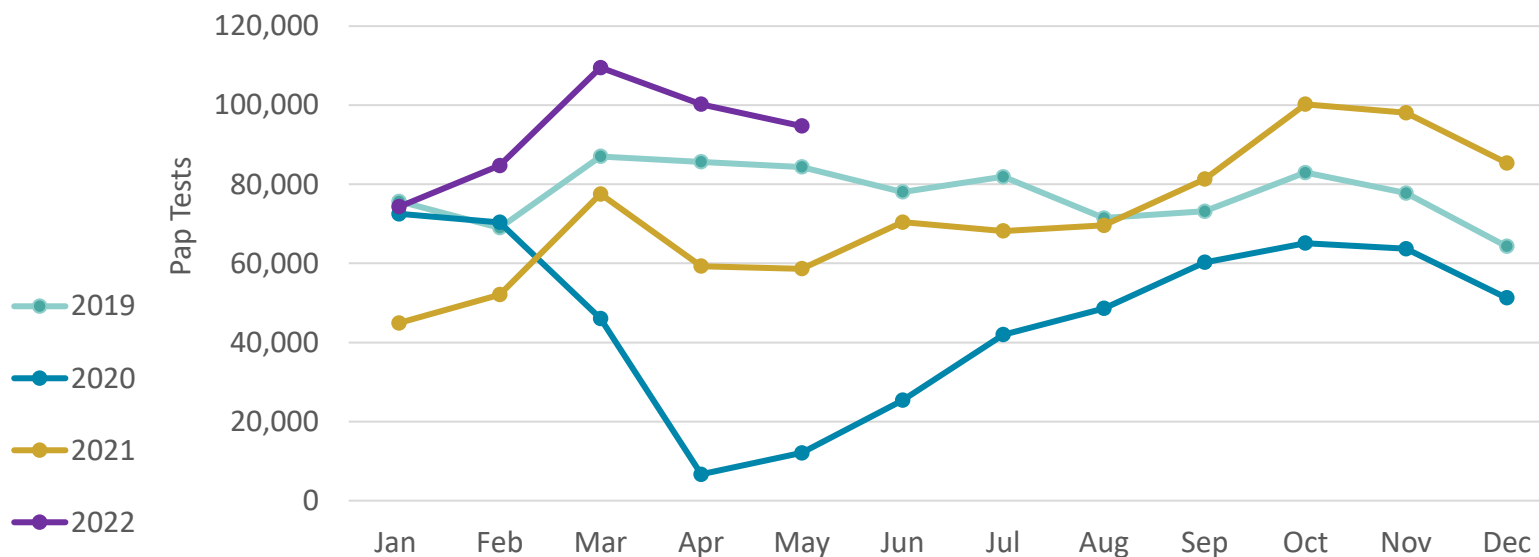
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# Lab turn-around time delays in Ontario

- We are aware of delayed turn-around times to process cytology at some labs across the province
- We are continuing to monitor the issue and are working with the Ministry of Health to resolve this issue
- For future CoPs, the wait time data for people with high-grade results will be presented in a way that accounts for the lab delays



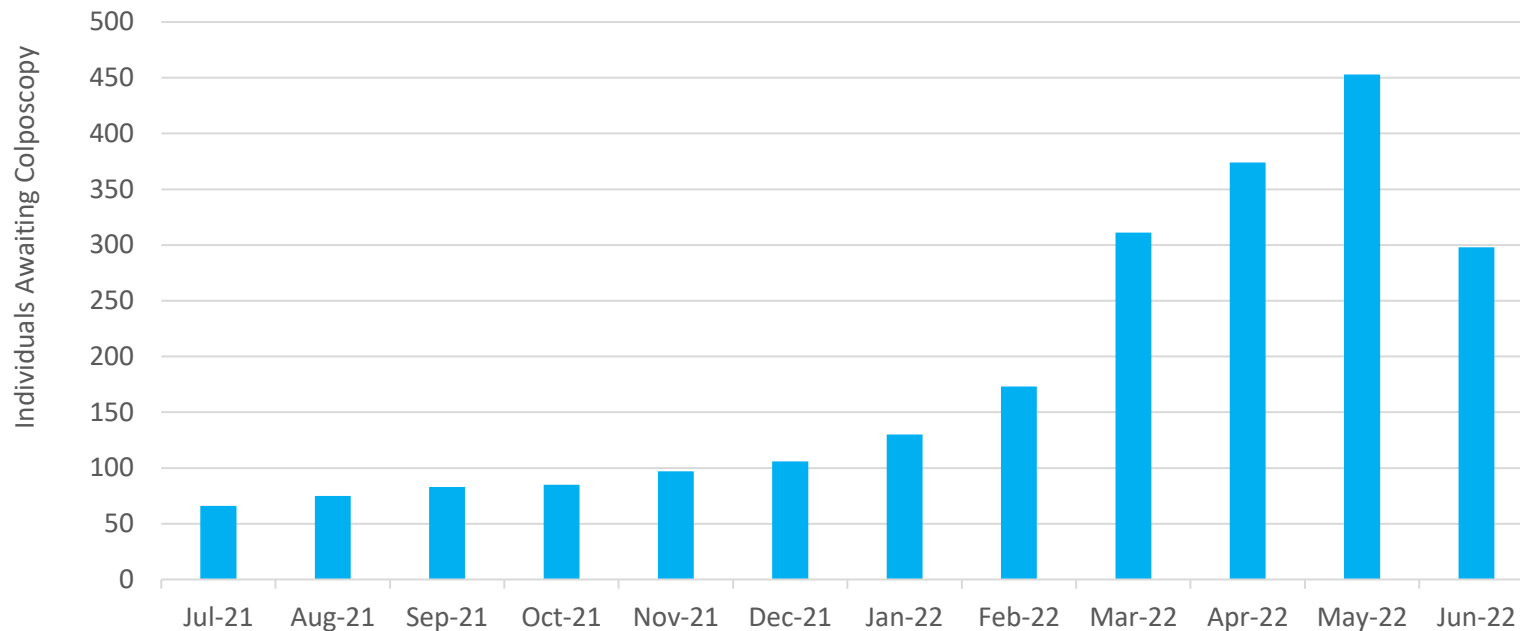
# Pap tests volumes by month



\*Due to the extended lab turnaround time to process Pap tests, volumes are only available up to May 2022

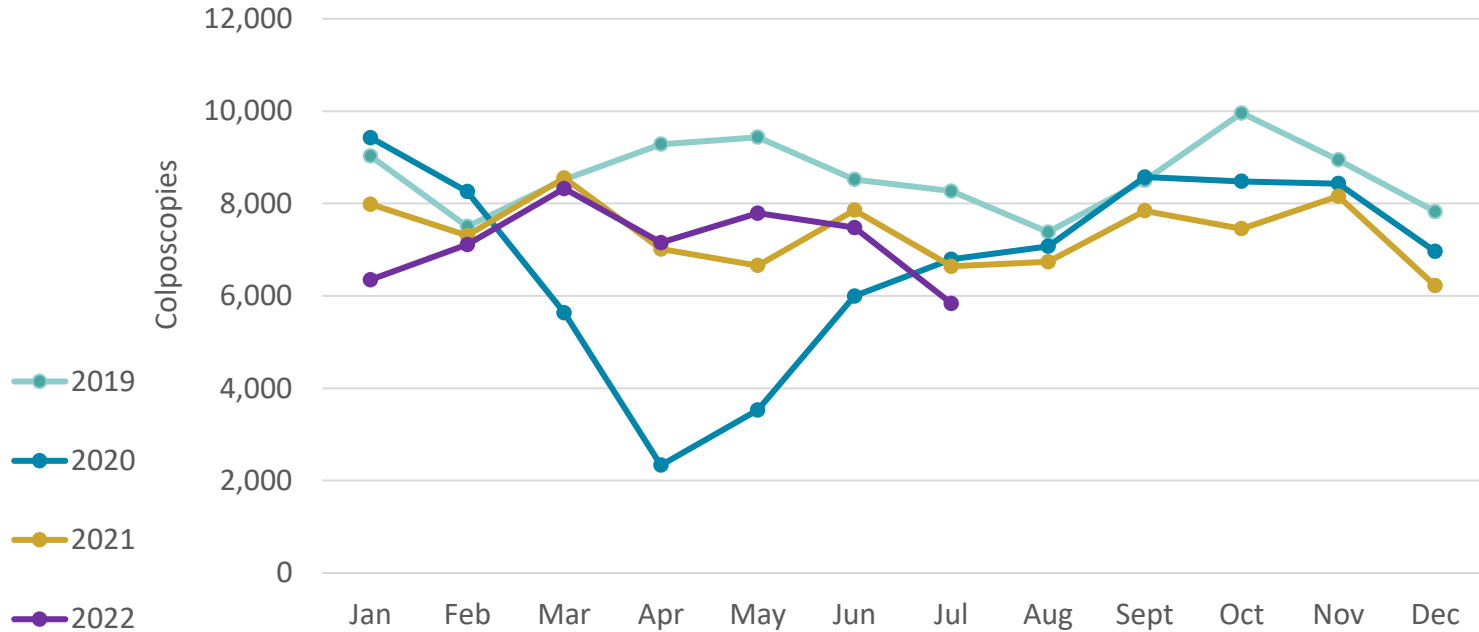
- In May 2022, Pap tests done as part of the OCSP were 112% of 2019 volumes
- Participation rate in 2022/23 Q1 is 52%, up from 51.3% in 2021/2022 Q1, although still below the pre-pandemic participation (58.7% in 2019/20 Q1)

# People with high-grade Pap test results without follow up within 6 months



Lab delays may be impacting wait times for participants with high-grade results awaiting colposcopy

# Colposcopy volumes by month



Colposcopy data for Aug – Oct 2022 is incomplete due to OHIP lag

2022 volumes are currently following the trends of 2021 volumes

# Opportunities to reduce unnecessary cytology testing

- Consider declining referrals for people referred with first time low-grade cytology results to align with updated guidance
- Encourage PCPs to delay initiation of cervical screening until age 25 for people who are immunocompetent
- Do not repeat cytology at first colposcopy visit if seen within 3 to 6 months of referral cytology



# Case study #1: Management of AGC-N

5:45 – 6:05 pm

Dr. Dustin Costescu

# Case study 1: Patient history

- Age 40
- Seen by PCP for an intra-uterine device placement
- Last Pap was 5 years ago; patient is due for cervical screening so a Pap is performed
- **Result:** AGC-N; patient is referred to colposcopy

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Upon receipt of referral, how would you triage this patient?

- a) Highest priority
- b) Not required to prioritize at top of list; book once time is available
- c) Decline referral to colposcopy and refer to a gyne-oncologist

# Immediate and 5-year risk for CIN3+ for people with AGC cytology

Current HPV	Current cytology	n <sup>a</sup>	% <sup>b</sup>	CIN3+ cases	CIN3+ immediate risk, %	CIN3+ 5-y risk, %	Recommended management	Recommendation confidence score %
HC2	AGC	97		254	26	35	Colpo./treat	80
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HPV 16		49	0.41%	27	36	43	Colpo./treat	92
HPV 18		34	0.30%	21	33	41	Colpo./treat	83
HR 12 (HPV other)		68	0.90%	9	5.4	5.4	Colposcopy	78

High immediate and 5-year risk for CIN3+ with index AGC cytology

# Visit #1

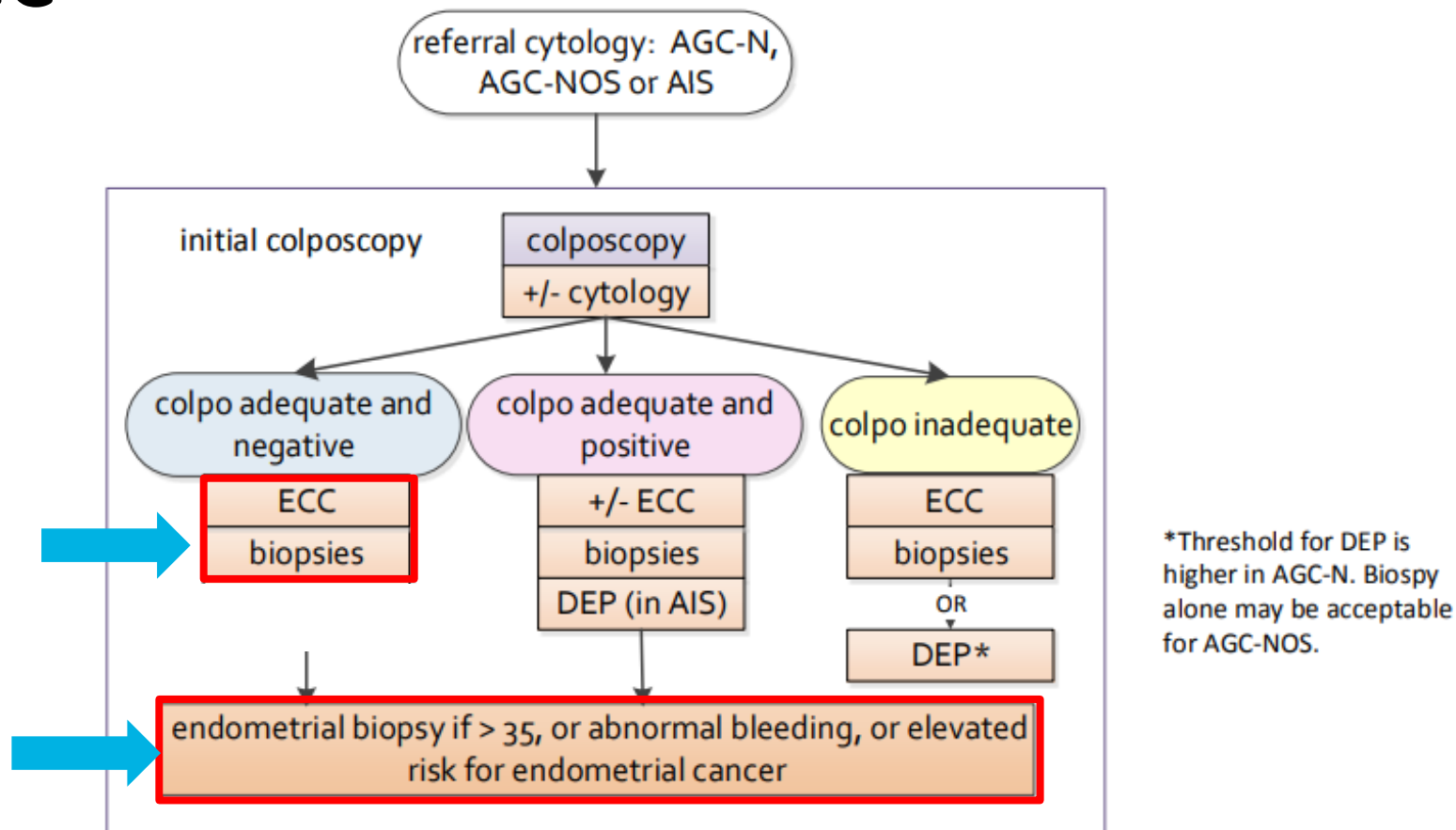
- The patient is seen in colposcopy and notes that their family is complete. The colposcopy findings are:
  - Type 1 transformation zone
  - Colposcopy is adequate and negative
- Based on the colposcopy findings you decide to:
  - a) Repeat Pap
  - b) Endocervical curettage (ECC)
  - c) Biopsies (including endometrial biopsy)
  - d) B & C

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# Colposcopy Pathway #5: Management of AGC



# Visit #2

- The findings from visit #1 show:
  - ECC: Negative
  - Cervical biopsy: Negative
  - Endometrial biopsy: Negative
- Based on the colposcopy findings you decide to:
  - a) Perform cytology
  - b) Perform deep excisional procedure (DEP)
  - c) Repeat endometrial biopsy and ECC
  - d) Discharge to primary care

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# Correlation of glandular Pap test abnormalities to AIS and carcinoma

Cytology diagnosis	Likelihood of invasive cancer, AIS or CIN 2,3
AGC-NOS	9-41%
AGC-N	27-96%

High likelihood of significant findings for those with AGC cytology

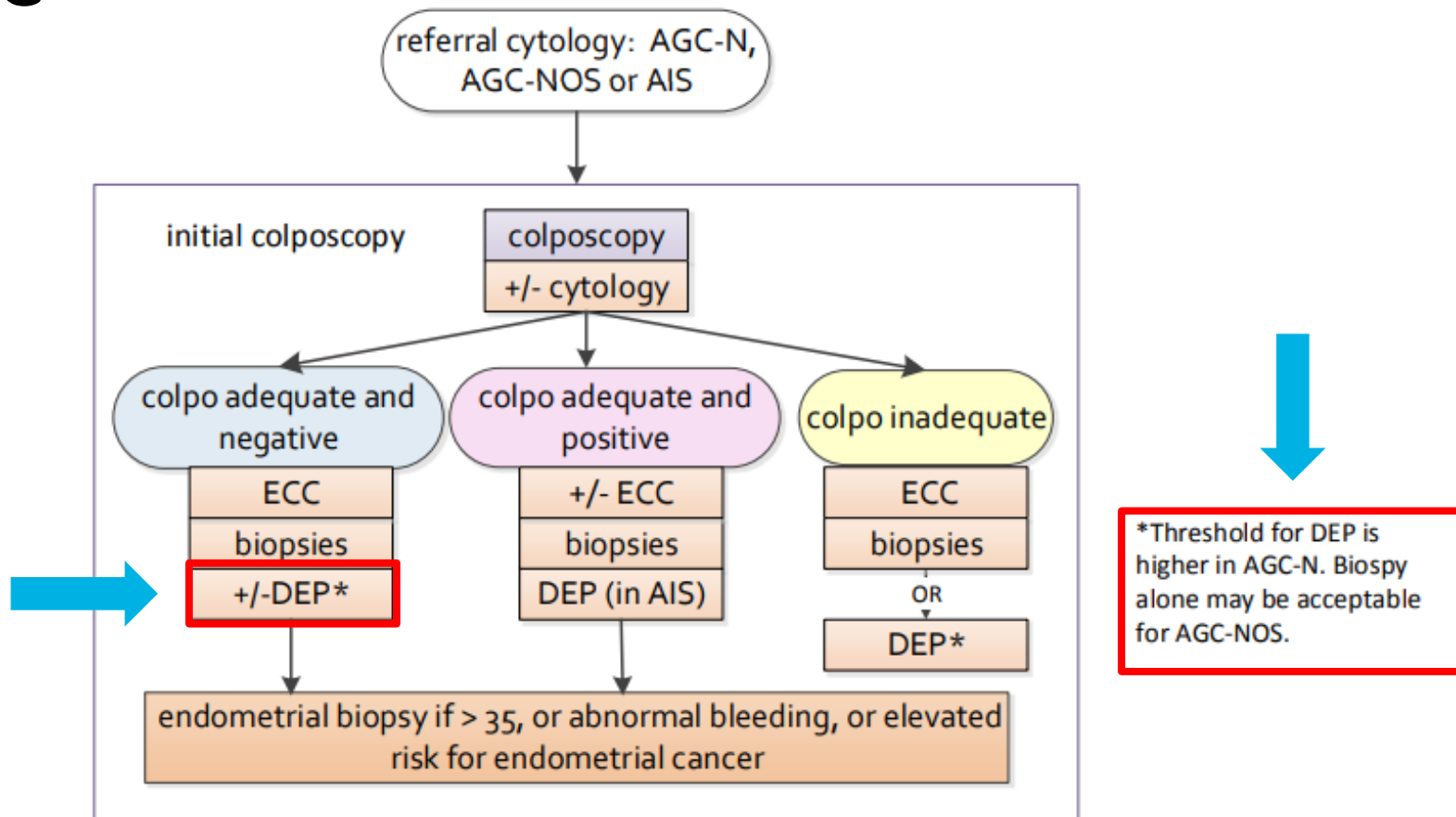
# CIN3+ risk for people referred with AGC after one negative colposcopy

**TABLE 2.** Risk of CIN 3+ by Reason for Colposcopy Referral and HPV Status for Women in the Precolposcopy and Postcolposcopy Groups

Reason for colposcopy referral <sup>a,b</sup>		1 year risk of CIN 3+		3 years risk of CIN 3+	
		Precolposcopy <sup>c</sup> Risk <sup>e</sup>	Postcolposcopy <sup>d</sup> Risk <sup>e</sup>	Precolposcopy <sup>b</sup> Risk <sup>e</sup>	Postcolposcopy <sup>d</sup> Risk <sup>e</sup>
HPV+	HSIL+	44.4 (42.6, 46.2)	7.69 (0.29, 15.0)	45.4 (43.6, 47.3)	9.3 (0.27, 18.3)
	ASC-H	22.2 (20.8, 23.6)	4.7 (1.7, 7.7)	23.9 (22.4, 25.4)	6.5 (2.2, 10.8)
	AGC	23.6 (21.0, 26.4)	5.6 (1.3, 9.9)	26.0 (23.3, 28.9)	8.0 (1.5, 14.5)
	LSIL	3.9 (3.6, 4.2)	1.1 (0.71, 1.5)	4.6 (4.3, 5.0)	1.8 (1.1, 2.6)

1- and 3-year risks of CIN3+ after one negative colposcopy are not low enough to discharge people referred with AGC cytology

# Colposcopy Pathway #5: Management of AGC

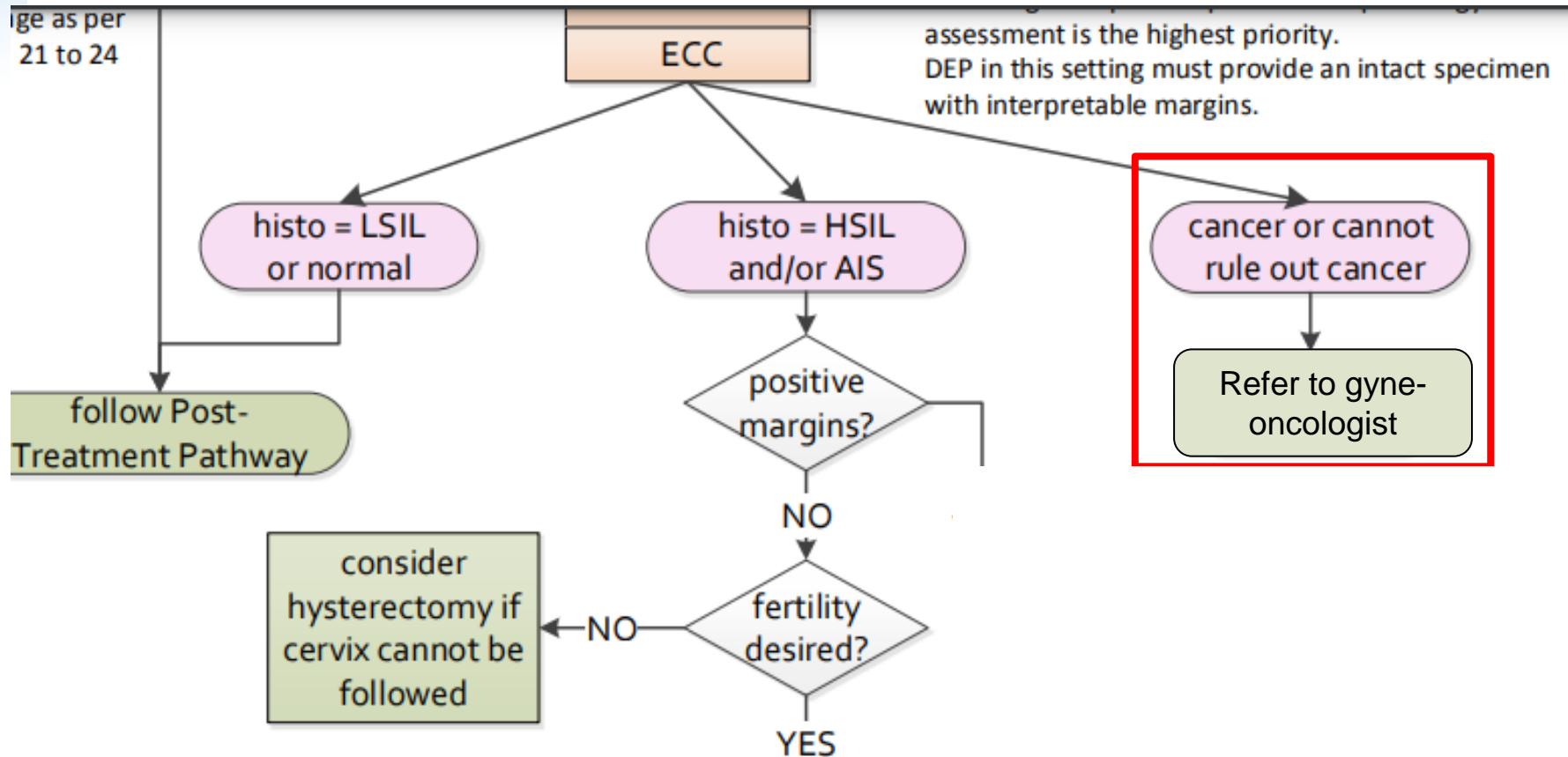


# Visit #3

- The DEP is performed and shows cervical cancer. What is your next step?
  - a) LEEP
  - b) Pathology review
  - c) Refer to gyne-oncologist
  - d) Hysterectomy

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# Pathway #5: Management of AGC





# Diagnosis of malignant disease

Diagnosis on Pap (DX)	% with final diagnosis of cervical cancer	% with final diagnosis of endometrial cancer	% with final diagnosis of ovarian cancer
AGC	1.05%	1.8%	0.14%

## KEY TAKEAWAY

People referred with AGC cytology may be at risk for gynecological malignancy. In certain clinical circumstances, people referred AGC cytology may need additional investigations during diagnostic work up



# Cervical screening and colposcopy quality reporting

6:05 – 6:20 pm

Dr. Rachel Kupets

# 2022 Quality report overview

- 122 facility reports were sent to facility contacts and their respective regional Cervical Screening Colposcopy Leads (CSCLs) on September 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Successfully onboarded 34 additional facilities (3 hospitals, 31 non-hospitals)
- Reminder:
  - There is support at the regional level from regional cancer program leadership to help you achieve good quality and implement change
  - The facility lead can offer support at a local level

# 2022 quality report overview

- Colposcopy quality facility survey response rate

Release Year	Response rate
2021	66 out of 88 (75%)
2022	81 out of 118 (69%)

- Purpose of the survey:
  - Allow facility and regional leadership to identify opportunities for quality improvement
  - Inform Ontario Health on where to focus efforts on developing tools and resources
- Each facility's survey responses are included in their facility report

# Key provincial highlights

Proportion of people who were not seen for follow-up within 12 months post-treatment

2020 volumes: 752/5,185  
2019 volumes: 1,184/6,521



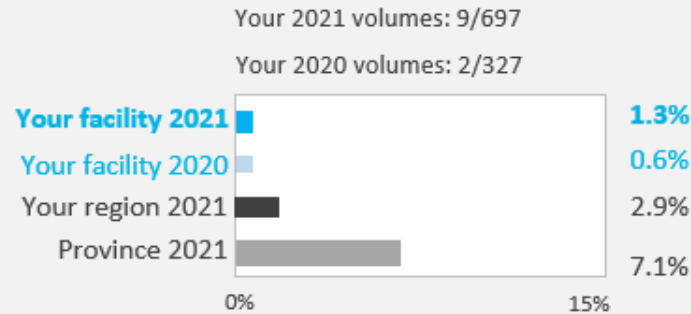
# How to use your facility's report

- Conduct a review to understand the data
  - How your facility fits in relation to your region and the province
  - How your outcomes compare year over year
- Identify areas to make improvements that are relevant and impactful to patients
- The reports are intended to support quality, not performance management
  - Ontario Health is available to provide support with quality improvement efforts but will not actively follow-up or track progress

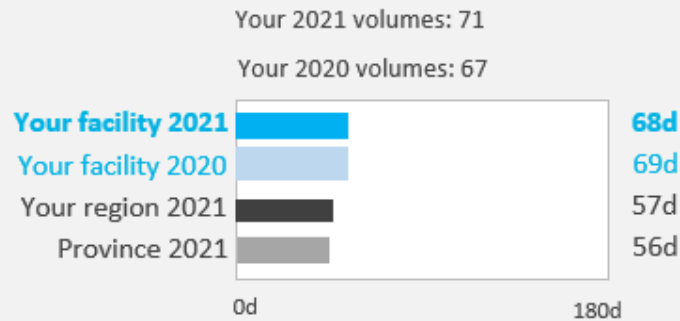
If you have not seen your facility's report, please connect with your Facility Lead or Regional Cervical Screening and Colposcopy Lead

# Example – Facility report review

Proportion of people seen for colposcopy following their first ASCUS result

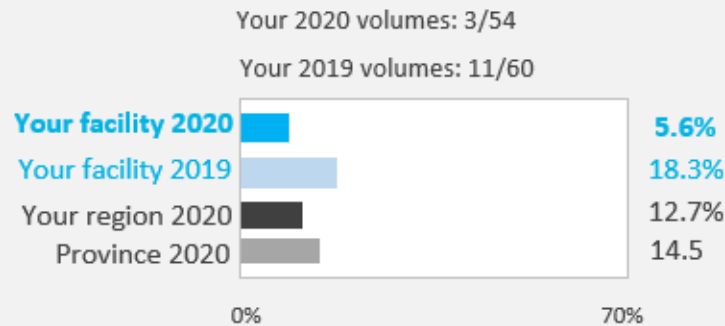


Median wait time (in days) from high-grade cytology test to colposcopy (total)



Candidate for a facility-level quality improvement initiative

Proportion of people who were not seen for follow-up within 12 months post-treatment



# Example: Facility improvement plan

Guiding questions	Action plan
Where will your QI efforts be focused?	Lowering the median wait time (in days) from high-grade cytology test to colposcopy
What steps will you take to achieve the change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review process to review triage of new referrals to ensure appropriate prioritization of people with high-grade cytology results.</li><li>• Collaborate with your network of colposcopists to identify those with capacity for more timely colposcopy visits</li></ul>
What resources do you need?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OCSP screening recommendations</li><li>• Access to local community of practice</li><li>• Opportunity to seek guidance from regional CSCL</li></ul>



# Questions

- Do you have any questions or feedback on the reports?
- If you have any questions or need support, please contact your regional CSCL or Ontario Health at [cancerscreening@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:cancerscreening@ontariohealth.ca)



# Questions from the field

**6:20 – 6:35 pm**

**Dr. Dustin Costescu**

# Question from the field

## Question:

- What is the recommended management of a patient with LSIL cytology in primary care after discharge from colposcopy?

## Answer:

- First time LSIL cytology → repeat cytology in 12 months

# Question from the field

## Question:

- What is the recommended approach to HPV testing once patient is discharged to annual screening?

## Answer:

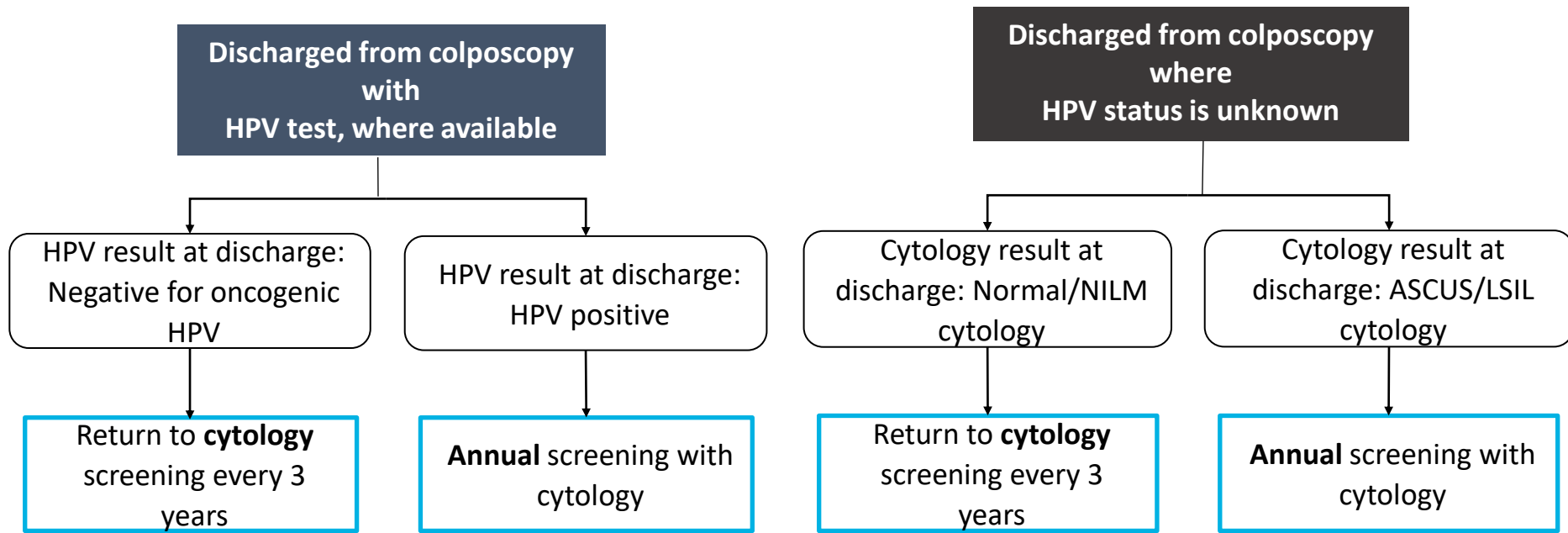
- Reminder: HPV testing is currently only available in some hospital settings or on a patient-pay basis
- HPV testing is not required for low-grade results; repeating cytology in 12 months is safe and acceptable

# Question from the field

## Answer (cont'd):

- If patient makes an informed decision to obtain HPV testing, the following management recommendations can be followed:
  - People who are HPV 16/18 positive can be referred directly to colposcopy
  - People who are HPV non-16/18 positive should repeat their cytology in 12 months
  - People who are HPV negative should return to routine screening with cytology in 3 years

# Reminder: Screening in primary care after discharge from colposcopy



# Question from the field

## Question:

- What are the recommended next steps if the HPV exit test from colposcopy is negative, but cytology is HSIL?

## Answer:

- If cytology result is HSIL, the patient is not eligible for discharge from colposcopy
  - If the patient has been treated for a high-grade lesion → refer to Colposcopy Clinical Guidance Recommended Best Practices Pathway #4 (post-treatment)
  - If the patient has been managed conservatively → refer to Colposcopy Clinical Guidance Recommended Best Practices Pathway #2 (conservative management)



## **Case study #2: Management of AIS with positive margins on LEEP**

**6:35 – 6:55 pm**

**Dr. Dustin Costescu**



# Case study 2: Patient history

- Age 35
- Seen in primary care for a routine visit
- Patient due for cervical screening so a Pap is performed
- **Result:** AIS; patient is referred to colposcopy

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Upon receipt of referral, how would you triage this patient?

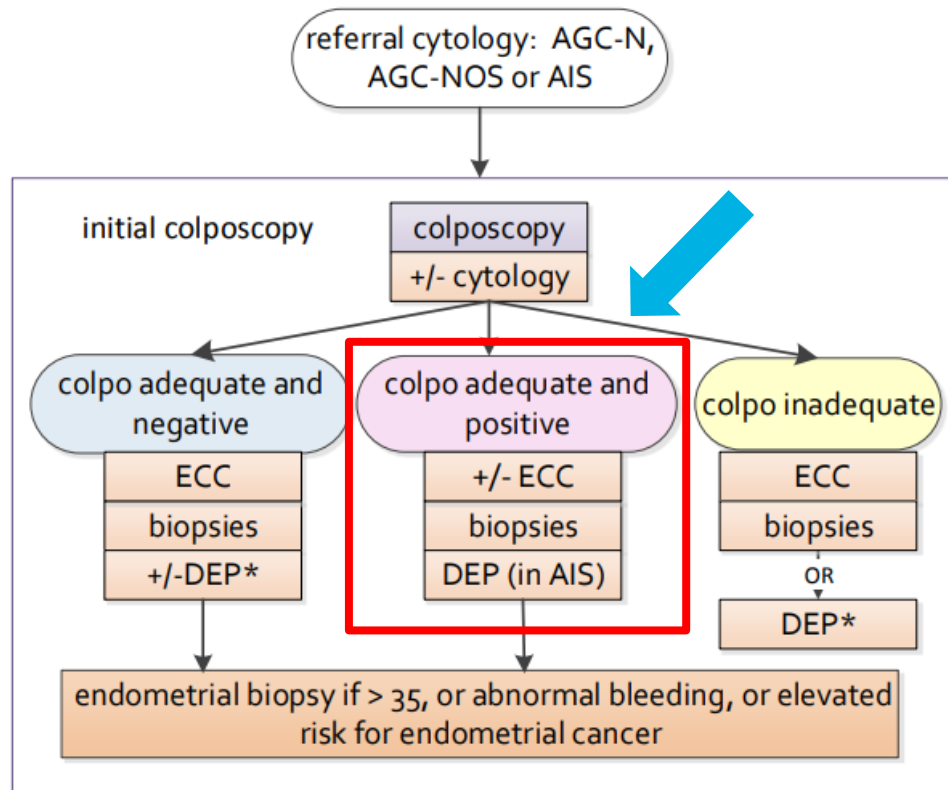
- a) Highest priority
- b) Not required to prioritize at top of list; book once time is available
- c) Decline referral to colposcopy and refer to a gyne-oncologist

# Visit #1

- The patient is seen in colposcopy. The colposcopy findings are:  
Adequate and positive
- Based on the colposcopy findings you decide to:
  - a) Repeat Pap test
  - b) ECC
  - c) DEP
  - d) Endometrial biopsy and biopsy of the lesion
  - e) B, C & D

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# Pathway #5: Management of AGC/AIS



\*Threshold for DEP is higher in AGC-N. Biopsy alone may be acceptable for AGC-NOS.

# AIS referral cytology accurately predicts histologically confirmed AIS

**Table 2. PPVs for Cytologic Reports of AIS, ?AIS, and AEC**

Cytoprediction	PPV (high-grade disease)	PPV (high-grade glandular disease)
AIS	91% <sup>a</sup>	88% <sup>c</sup>
?AIS	75% <sup>a</sup>	72% <sup>c</sup>
AEC	9% <sup>b</sup>	7% <sup>b</sup>

PPV, positive predictive value; AIS, adenocarcinoma in situ; ?AIS, possible AIS; and AEC, atypical endocervical cells.

<sup>a</sup>AIS vs. ?AIS:  $p = .032$ .

<sup>b</sup>These PPVs represent the lower limit of possible actual values, due to the low proportion with histologic follow-up.

<sup>c</sup>AIS vs. ?AIS:  $p = 0.046$ .

## KEY TAKEAWAY

DEP highly likely to be required even if colposcopic impression is negative

# Adenocarcinoma: Pap smear

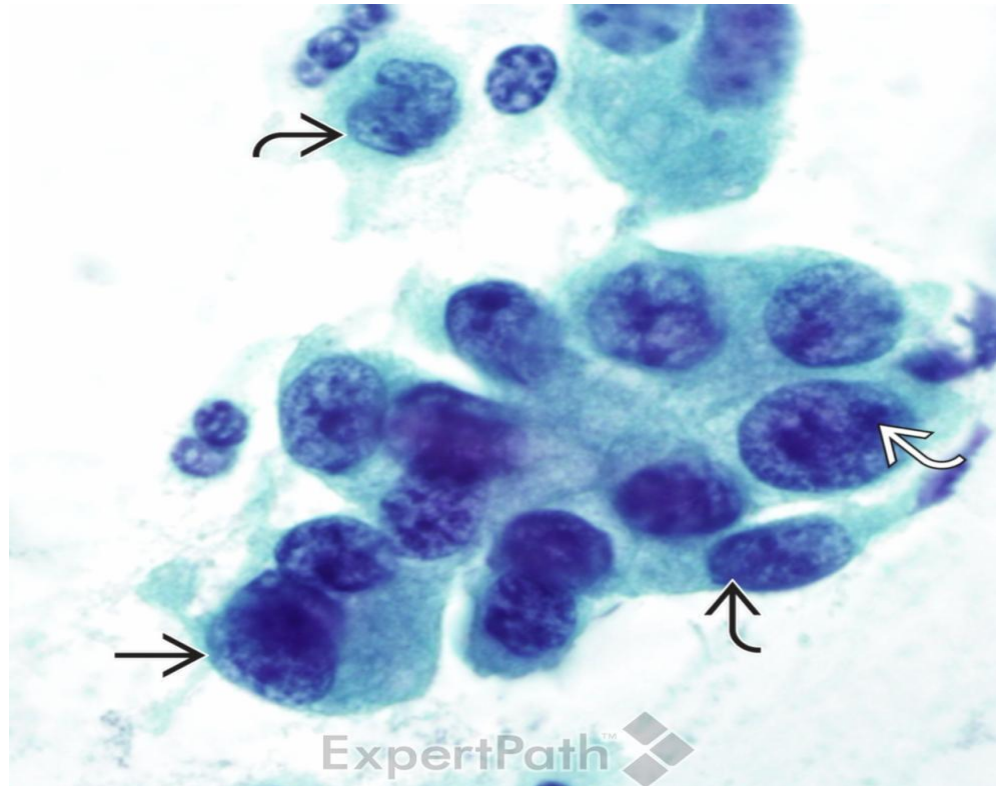


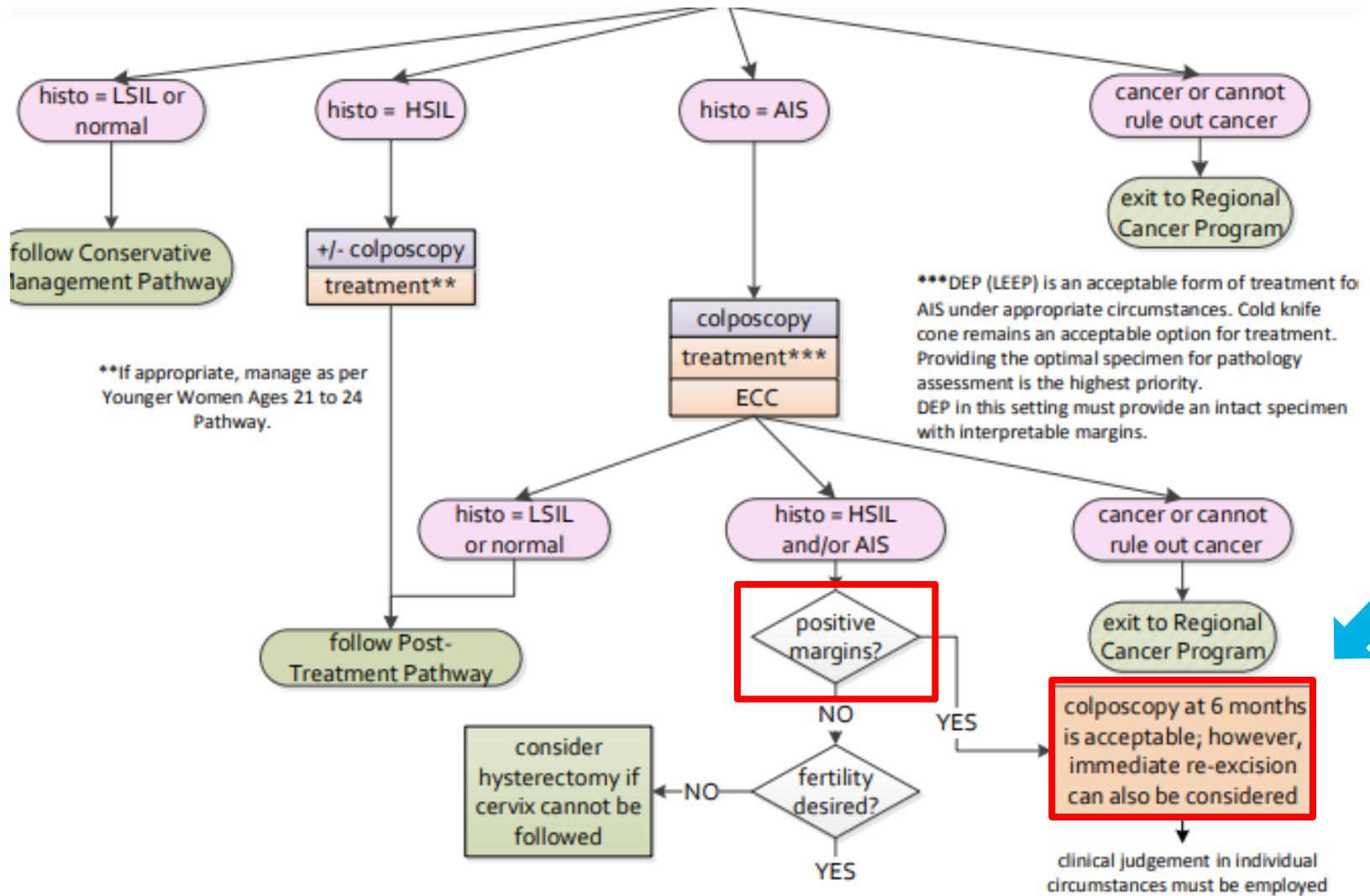
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# Visit #2

- A DEP (e.g. LEEP) is performed followed by an ECC. The margins of the LEEP are positive for AIS as is the post-LEEP ECC
- Based on the findings you decide to:
  - a) Repeat colposcopy in 6 months
  - b) Repeat LEEP
  - c) Perform ablative treatment
  - d) Perform Pap test

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# Pathway #5: Management of AGC/AIS



# Positive margins are a risk factor for AIS recurrence and persistence

**TABLE 2.** Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure/Cone Biopsy Margin Status and Follow-up Results (Including 8 Pap Only)

	AIS or adenocarcinoma, <i>n</i> (%)	Negative, <i>n</i> (%)	Total, <i>n</i> (%)	$\kappa$
Margin positive	25 (47.2)	28 (52.8)	53 (32.7)	
Margin negative	10 (9.3) <sup>a</sup>	97 (90.7)	107 (67.3)	
Total	35 (21.9)	125 (78.1)	160 (100.0)	0.45

<sup>a</sup>*p* < .001.

Persistent/recurrent AIS was substantially higher in the patients with positive margins vs. negative margins



# AIS and stratified mucin-producing intraepithelial lesion (SMILE)

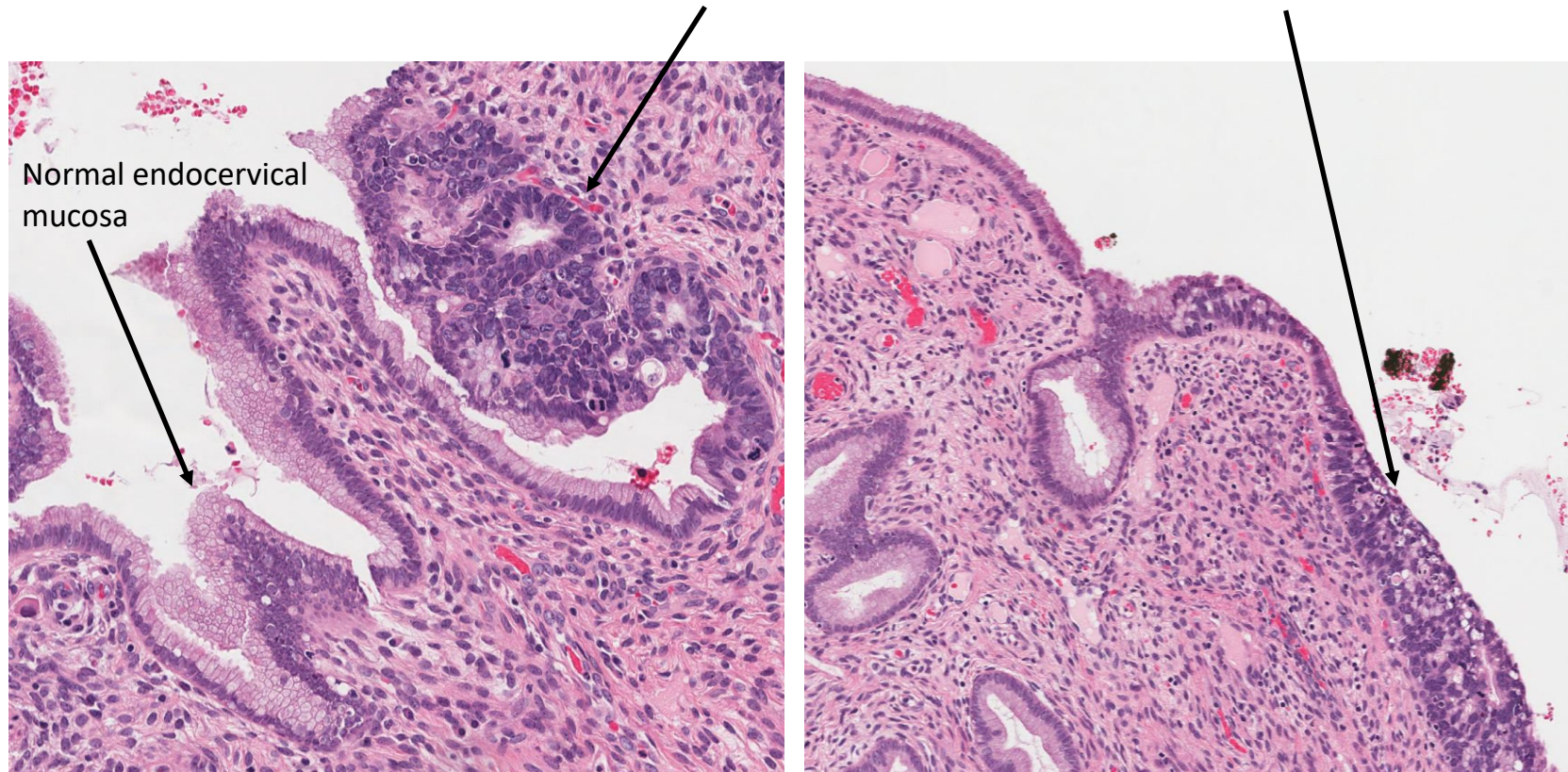


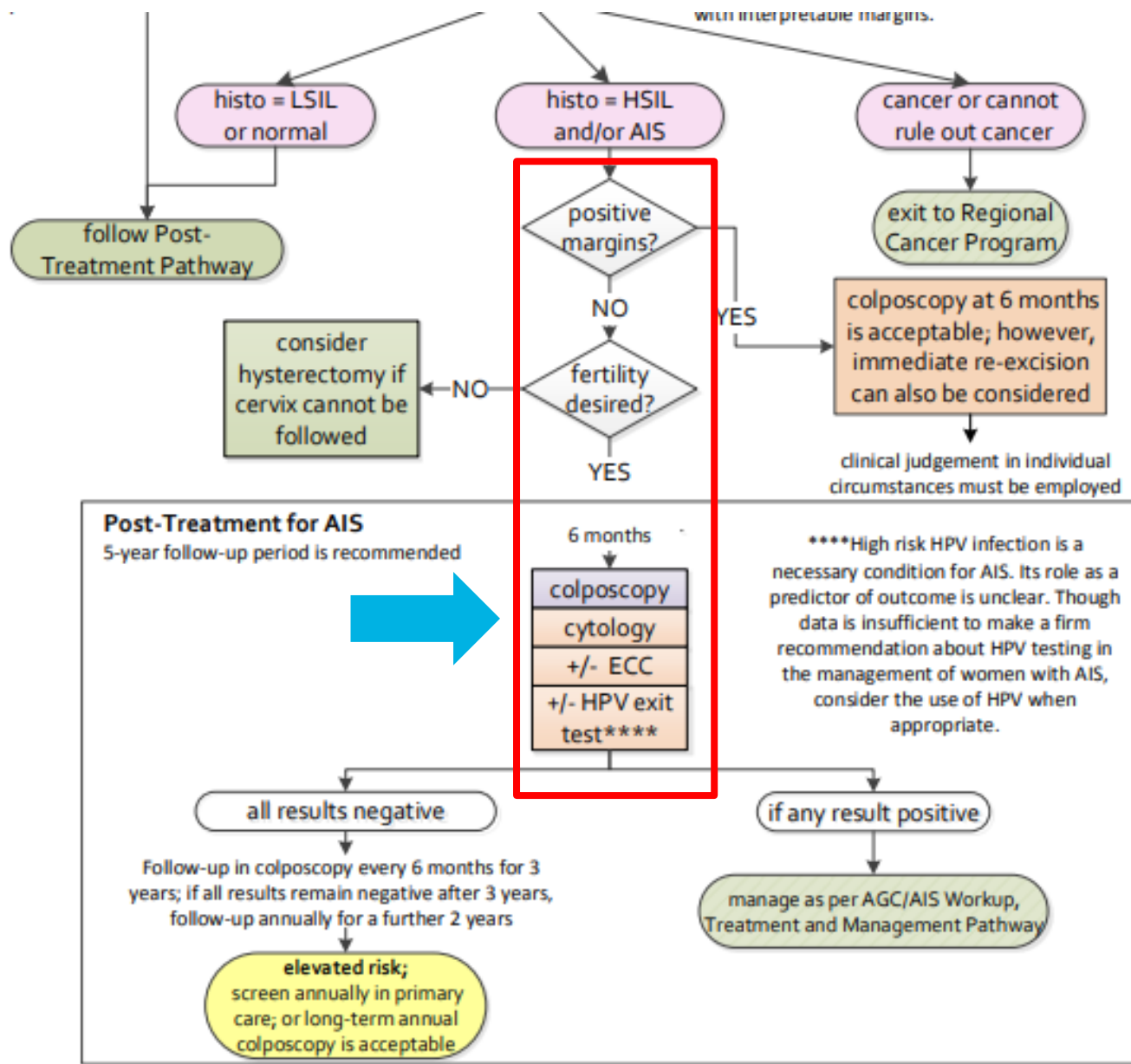
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# Visit #3

- A repeat LEEP shows AIS with negative margins. The patient expresses that future fertility is desired. What is your next step?
  - a) Hysterectomy
  - b) Repeat colposcopy in 6 months
  - c) Repeat colposcopy in 3 months
  - d) LEEP

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# Pathway #5: Management of AGC/AIS



# Visit #4

- A colposcopy repeated at 6 months shows:
  - AIS cytology
  - Positive ECC
- What is your next step?
  - a) Repeat LEEP
  - b) Hysterectomy
  - c) Discharge to primary care

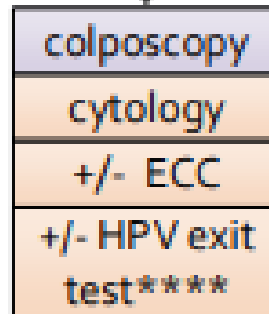
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# Pathway #5: Management of AGC/AIS

## Post-Treatment for AIS

5-year follow-up period is recommended

6 months



\*\*\*\*High risk HPV infection is a necessary condition for AIS. Its role as a predictor of outcome is unclear. Though data is insufficient to make a firm recommendation about HPV testing in the management of women with AIS, consider the use of HPV when appropriate.

all results negative

Follow-up in colposcopy every 6 months for 3 years; if all results remain negative after 3 years, follow-up annually for a further 2 years

elevated risk;  
screen annually in primary care; or long-term annual colposcopy is acceptable

if any result positive

manage as per AGC/AIS Workup, Treatment and Management Pathway





# Invasive adenocarcinoma, conventional type

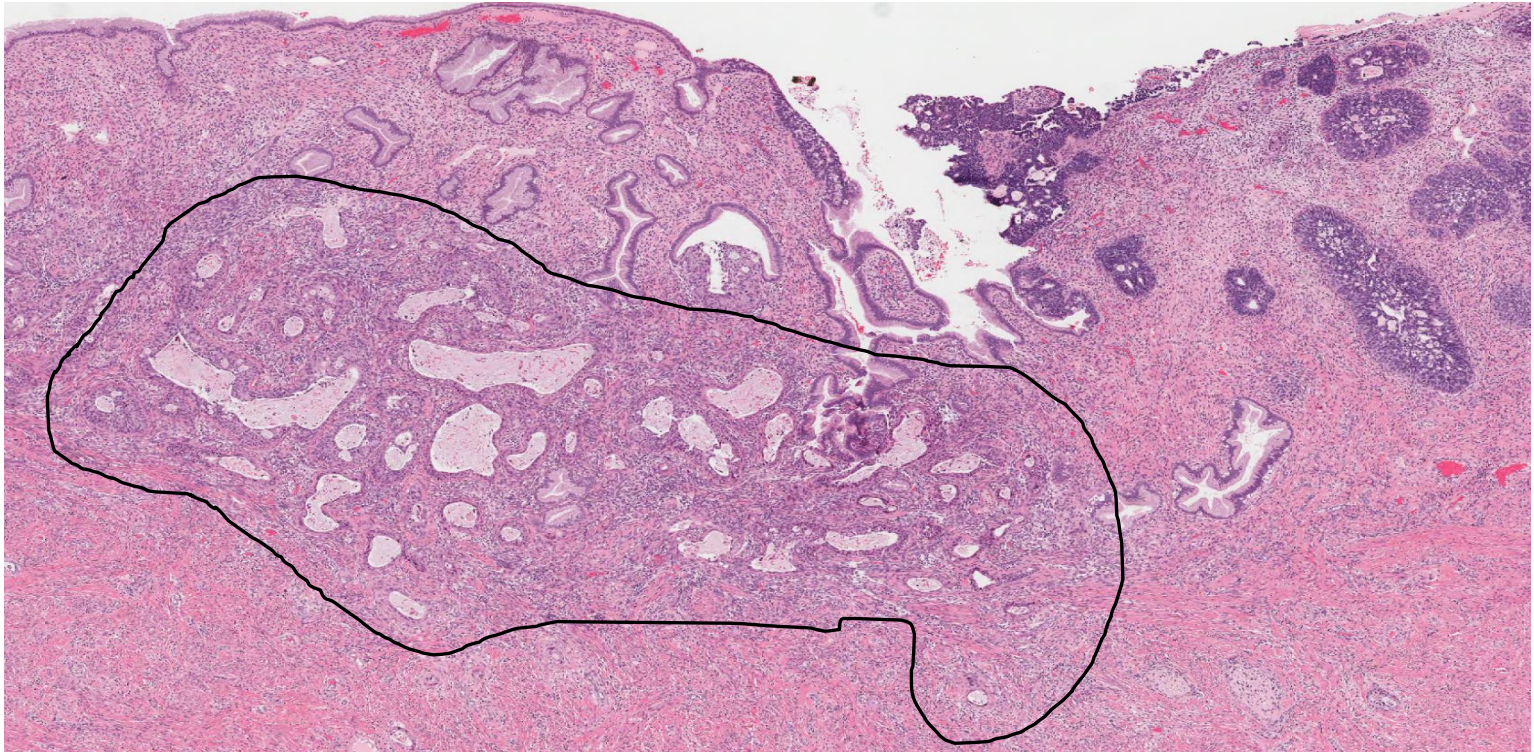


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# Final remarks

6:55 – 7:00 pm

Dr. Dustin Costescu

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# Appendix

# OCSP's previous screening pathway

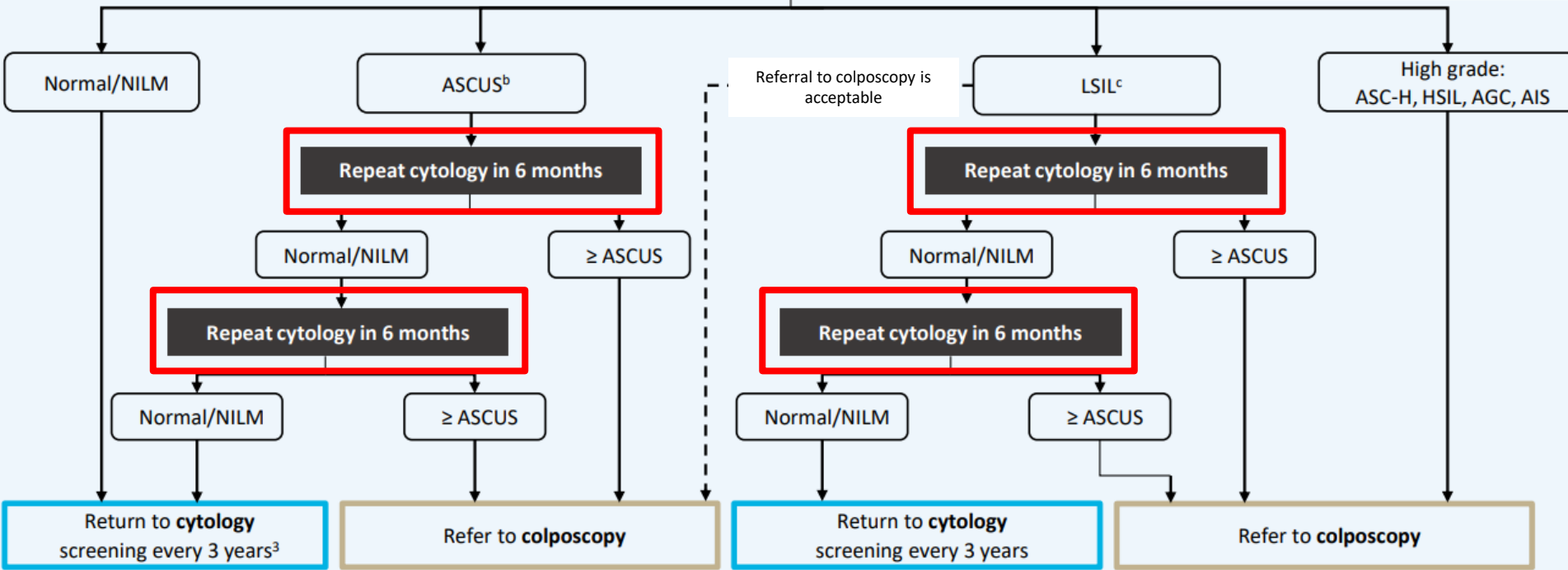
- Anyone with a cervix<sup>1</sup>
- Age ≥ 25 (or 21\*)
- Asymptomatic<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> These guidelines apply to anyone with a cervix including: women; pregnant people; transmen; non-binary people; people who have undergone a subtotal hysterectomy; and people who have been vaccinated with the HPV vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Any visible cervical abnormalities or abnormal symptoms must be investigated. Consider referral to a specialist (e.g., colposcopist, gynecologist, gyne-oncologist).

<sup>3</sup> Immunocompromised people may be at elevated risk and should receive annual screening.

Cytology test



**Definitions:** NILM (normal) – no intraepithelial lesion or malignancy seen; ASCUS – atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance; LSIL – low-grade squamous epithelial lesion; ASC-H – atypical squamous cells, cannot rule out high-grade; HSIL – high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion; AGC – atypical glandular cells; AIS – adenocarcinoma in-situ

# OCSP's updated screening pathway

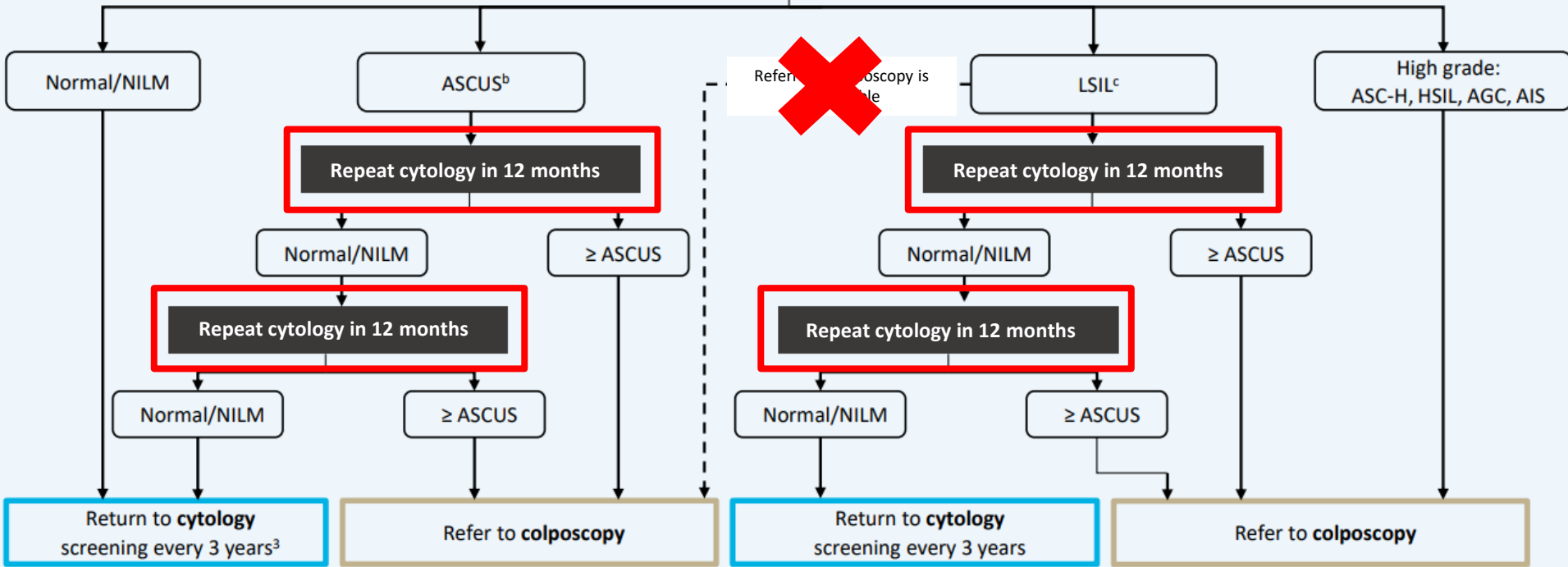
- Anyone with a cervix<sup>1</sup>
- Age ≥ 25 (or 21\*)
- Asymptomatic<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> These guidelines apply to anyone with a cervix including: women; pregnant people; transmen; non-binary people; people who have undergone a subtotal hysterectomy; and people who have been vaccinated with the HPV vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Any visible cervical abnormalities or abnormal symptoms must be investigated. Consider referral to a specialist (e.g., colposcopist, gynecologist, gynec-oncologist).

<sup>3</sup> Immunocompromised people may be at elevated risk and should receive annual screening.

Cytology test



# Positive margins are a risk factor for AIS recurrence/persistence and progression to cancer

Author, Year	Excision Margin Status	Cumulative risk			
		1 year	2 year	7 year	9 year
Booth, 2014	Negative			4.6 (NR*)	
	Positive			6y =17.2 (NR)	
Li, 2013	Negative	7.2 (NR)			
	Positive	2.5 (NR)			
Powell, 2019	Negative		6.1 (NR)		
	Positive		30.2 (NR)		
Tan, 2020	Negative	2.8 (NR)			4.3 (NR)
	Positive	26.4 (NR)			28.7 (NR)

\*confidence interval not reported in study (NR)

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