



NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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The following clinical practice has been approved for use in the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services system, and has been distributed to:

X	Hospitals	X	Community Health Centres	X	Homecare	X	LTC	X	Pharmacists
X	Doctor's Offices	X	Social Services Offices	X	Public Health Units			Please list other(s):	

The information contained in this document is Departmental:

Policy	Clinical Standard	Protocol	Procedure	X	Clinical Practice Guideline
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Title: [2025 NWT Cervical Cancer Screening Clinical Practice Guidelines](#)

Effective Date: April 7, 2025

Important: CPI #189 will replace the CPI #95 NWT Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines (March 2010).

Statement of approved Clinical Practice:

The Chief Public Health Office has approved and is recommending the implementation of the updated [2025 NWT Cervical Cancer Screening Clinical Practice Guidelines](#) as a standard of practice.

These guidelines have been updated to include the following changes:

- The Human Papillomavirus Test (HPV) test will replace the PAP test as the primary screening method
- HPV screening will begin at age 25 of asymptomatic women and individuals with a cervix
- HPV screening should occur every 3 years
- HPV screening will be discontinued at age 69 in average risk women and individuals with a cervix and at age 74 in those who are immunocompromised
- High risk HPV strains 16/18/31/45 will be referred directly to colposcopy
- Other high risk HPV strains will have a follow up PAP test in immunocompetent individuals or direct colposcopy referral in immunocompromised individuals

These 2025 Cervical Cancer Screening guidelines contain the approved clinical practice standard for the NWT and supersede all previous Cervical Cancer Screening guidelines.

Attachments:

- NWT Cervical Cancer Screening Clinical Practice Guidelines
<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/en/nwt-cervical-cancer-screening-guidelines>

An electronic copy of this notice is also available on the Department of Health and Social Services public website at: <http://www.professionals.hss.gov.nt.ca/document-categories/clinical-practice-information-notices>.

This clinical practice is approved.

April 7, 2025

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