



### Are you ready for 1 December?

The National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) changes from 1 December 2017. Participants with a normal screening history will be due for their first Cervical Screening Test **two years** after their last Pap test.

Further information on the [changes](#), access to [resources](#) and accredited online [training modules](#) are available on the website.

To guide your clinical practice, please access the latest version of the [2016 Guidelines](#).

### The National Cancer Screening Register is going live on 1 December

The National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR) will support the Renewed National Cervical Screening Program and the introduction of the new Cervical Screening Test from 1 December, with the NCSR able to receive and store test results.

At its commencement, the National Cancer Screening Register will not hold screening history data collected before 1 December 2017. State and territory registers will continue to provide patients' (pre 1 December) clinical screening histories to laboratories and healthcare providers, until their transition to the NCSR in early 2018. During this period, the NCSR will provide an update to healthcare providers and specialists, if requested on test information held in the NCSR for their patient. Results post 1 December will come from the NCSR. This process will be facilitated through a single call to the appropriate local numbers below:

State or Territory	S/T Register Number
QLD	1800 777 790
NSW	1800 671 693 or 02 8374 5692 (direct local number)
WA, NT, and TAS	13 15 56
SA	1800 901 112
ACT	02 6205 1545
VIC	03 9250 0399

## **Pathology request forms and new pathology MBS items**

From 1 December 2017 Pap tests will no longer be eligible for a Medicare rebate. The pathology Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items for cervical screening performed from 1 December 2017 have changed. The new Cervical Screening Test (HPV tests; reflex LBC or co-tests (i.e. HPV + LBC) collected and performed from 1 December 2017 should be claimed with the new MBS item number/s.

Please refer to the table on the back cover of “Understanding the National Cervical Screening Program Management Pathway: A Guide for Healthcare Providers” found in the healthcare providers pack. This clinical information must be included on pathology requests to avoid out of pocket costs for your patient.

## **Mandatory notifications for colposcopists and pathology practitioners**

Colposcopists are required to notify prescribed cervical screening information to the CMO within 14 days of each colposcopic episode. This is reported through submitting an Approved Form (Colposcopy and Treatment Form) through the NCSR, and is mandated by the National Cancer Screening Register Rules 2017. The Colposcopy and Treatment Form can be downloaded from the NCSP website, <http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/cervicalforms>, or from the NCSR website. [Colposcopy and treatment pads](#) can also be ordered online.

Once completed, the Form can be mailed or faxed to the National Cervical Screening Program