

## Guidelines for Requesting Tests for the National Cervical Screening Programme

The new Cervical Screening Guidelines introduce new requirements for test ordering from health care providers. From the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017, requests just for a “Pap test” or “smear” will no longer attract a rebate. Instead, Cervical Screening requests will need to fall into one of the categories below. Using the correct request terms ensures your eligible patients won’t receive an out of pocket bill and that the correct follow-up recommendations are made.

Note: **Co-test** means testing for **both** HPV and liquid based cytology.

Request terminology	Patient description
Cervical Screening Test (CST)	<b>asymptomatic women with no previous abnormal history</b> , and who are over the age of 24 years and 9 months.
Co-Test, Symptomatic	for <b>symptomatic</b> patients (e.g. abnormal bleeding)
Co-Test, Test of Cure or Co-Test, Post-treatment	women who have been <b>treated for HSIL</b> (high grade squamous lesion) <b>or AIS</b> (Adenocarcinoma in situ).
Follow up HPV test	women with <b>a previous positive HPV test</b> and recommendation for 12 month repeat.
HPV – previous test unsatisfactory	for patients with <b>previous unsatisfactory HPV test</b>
LBC – previous LBC unsatisfactory	for patients with <b>previous unsatisfactory LBC test</b> .
Vaginal Vault HPV	after hysterectomy, with no cervical pathology and <b>no screening history</b> .
Vaginal Vault Co-Test	<b>after hysterectomy with unexpected HSIL/LSIL</b> <i>or</i> : after hysterectomy for <b>treatment of HSIL</b> : <i>or</i> after histologically confirmed HSIL without test of cure and no cervical pathology in hysterectomy specimen.
Other	Small numbers of women will fall outside of routine guidelines: please include the indication for testing with the request

For more details, go to:

[www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/healthcare-providers](http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/healthcare-providers)

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