

# Provincial Laboratory Services



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One Island Health System

## Cervical Cancer Screening

**HPV testing with liquid based cervical collection is the primary screening tool for cervical cancer screening since June 2023:**

Please be advised that the Provincial Laboratory Services will **no longer accept conventional Pap smears**. If a conventional Pap smear is received after April 1, 2024, it will be rejected.

### **HPV self-sampling kits for Cervical Cancer Screening:**

HPEI is currently developing self-sampling HPV kits to increase the number of individuals who participate in cervical cancer screening. The organization plans to conduct a **three-month pilot program starting in May 2024** to test the kit's processes.

The pilot will involve several providers, including provincial cervical screening clinics, gender-affirming clinics, and three primary care providers. These **pilot providers** will receive the results of the tests and **will arrange follow-up for any positive HPV results**.

If you receive **results that indicate "self-collection vaginal sample"** as the collection site and "Cervical Cancer Screening Service" as the provider, please note that these results are for informational purposes only for the family physician or nurse practitioner. **No further action is necessary at this time**. During the pilot program, **each individual who performs an HPV self-test will be linked to a participating pilot provider**.

Within the next six months, HPV self-sampling kits are expected to become widely available for primary care offices.

For more information about the pilot, please visit the HPEI staff resource center at <https://src.healthpei.ca/cervical-cancer-screening>.

If you have any questions or would like to support the planning process, please email [colcerscreening@ihis.org](mailto:colcerscreening@ihis.org).