# Cervical Cancer Screening

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## Benefits of Screening

- Cervical cancer has decreased by more than 50% in the past 30 years
- Approximately 12,000 new cases annually and 4,000 deaths
- ▶ 60% of cervical cancer diagnoses were among inadequately screened women
- We will have to wait 20 years after widespread HPV vaccination before we see a significant reduction in cervical cancer, so screening is still the best approach.

### Possible Harms of Screening

- Anxiety over positive results
- ► Stigma of STI
- Pain/bleeding from procedures
- Treatment-related complications during pregnancy

#### Pap Specimen Collection

- Avoid collection within 48 hours after intercourse, use of personal lubricants, vaginal medications, or during menses
- Limit use of lubricant on the speculum
- Spatula & brush or broom

http://www.thinprep.com/hcp/specimen\_collection/view\_video.html





#### Consensus Conference, March 2012

- Sponsored by ASCCP (American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology), ACS (American Cancer Society), and ASCP (American Society of Clinical Pathology)
- Simultaneous recommendations by USPSTF
- ▶ Updated Practice Bulletin by ACOG in November 2012

<sup>\*</sup> Does not apply to women with a h/o cervical cancer, are immunocompromised, or were exposed in utero to DES

#### When to start... when to stop...

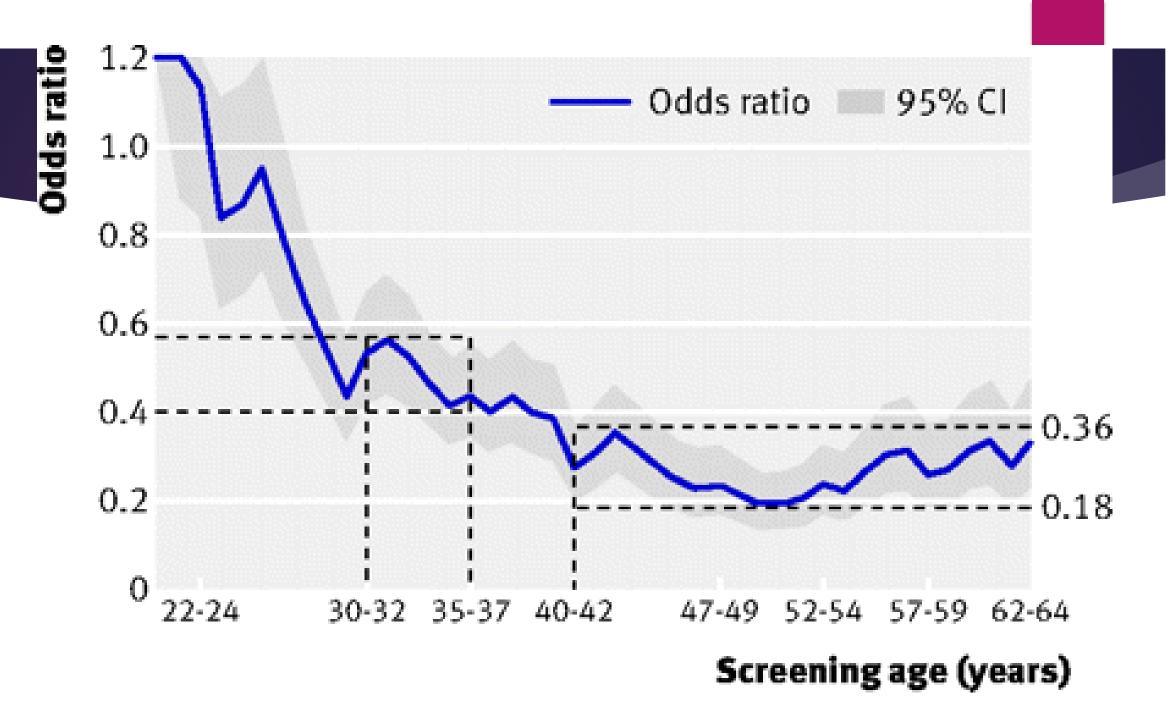
- ▶ Initiate screening at age 21 regardless of age at coitarche
- ▶ Stop at 65 if:
  - ▶ No history of CIN2+ within the past 20 years AND
  - 3 consecutive normal Paps (or 2 consecutive normal Paps and negative HPV results) within the last 10 years, most recent of which was within the last 5 years
- Stop after total hysterectomy for benign indication

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## Cervical Cancer Incidence by Age

| AGE   | RATE PER 100,000 |
|-------|------------------|
| 0-19  | 0.1              |
| 20-29 | 4.5              |
| 30-39 | 13.9             |
| 40-49 | 16.5             |
| 50-64 | 15.4             |
| 65+   | 14.6             |



#### Adolescents

- ▶ 90% of HPV, LSIL, and CIN1 regress within 3 years
  - ▶ But 50% will have HPV reinfection within 3 years after clearance of initial infection.

▶ 60% of CIN2 regress within 3 years

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### Don't continue after age 65

- Risk of cancer and cancer death is low
  - Only prevents 1.6 cancer cases and 0.5 cancer deaths per 1000 women
- ► New HPV infection after 65 rarely progresses to cancer
  - ► Average time for HPV to progress to cancer is 20-25 years
- Exams are more uncomfortable and more likely to yield unsatisfactory or inaccurate results

<sup>\*</sup> Exception: symptomatic women (i.e. PMB)

#### What to ask for?

► Ages 21-29: Cytology with reflex HPV if ASCUS

► Ages 30-65: Cytology AND HPV

## Screening Interval

- ► Ages 21-29: Every 3 years if last Pap was negative
- ► Ages 30-65:
  - ► Every 5 years if last Pap and HPV were negative
  - ► Every 3 years if last Pap (without HPV) was negative

## Every 3 years if 21-29

- ► Compared to 2-year intervals:
  - ▶ No increased lifetime risk of cervical cancer
  - No increased lifetime risk of death from cervical cancer
  - ▶ But 40% more colposcopies

## Cotesting Every 5 Years if 30-65

- ► 6-year risk of CIN3+ among almost 25,000 women
  - ▶ 0.27% following a negative HPV test
  - ▶ 0.97% following a negative cytology result
- Cotesting at 5-year intervals had decreased risk of CIN3 compared to cytology alone at 3-year intervals
- ► Fewer colposcopies with similar or lower cancer risk

<sup>\*</sup> Potential for primary HPV testing

### Summary of Recommendations

- <21: DON'T TEST</p>
- ► Women Ages 21-29
  - ▶ Pap with reflex HPV if ASCUS every 3 years
- ► Women Ages 30-65
  - ▶ Pap with HPV every 5 years
- >65: DON'T TEST

## Results: Unsatisfactory Cytology

- ► Repeat Pap in 2-4 months
- ▶ Option of colpo immediately if over 30 and HPV+

#### Results: Transformation Zone Absent

Routine screening if ages 21-29 or if 30+ and HPV negative

► Cotesting in 12 months if 30+ and HPV positive

## ASCUS, HPV Negative

- ► Ages 21-29: continue routine screening
- ► Ages 30-65: cotesting in 3 years

## Negative Cytology, HPV Positive (30+)

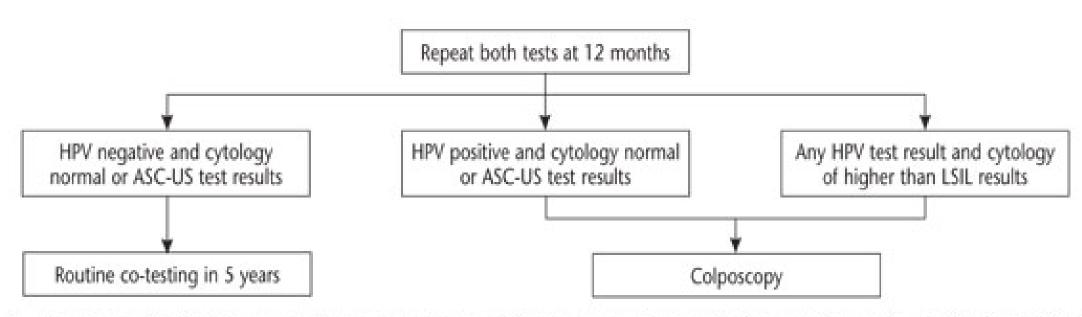


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Abbreviations: ASC-US indicates atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance; HPV, human papillomavirus; LSIL, low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion.

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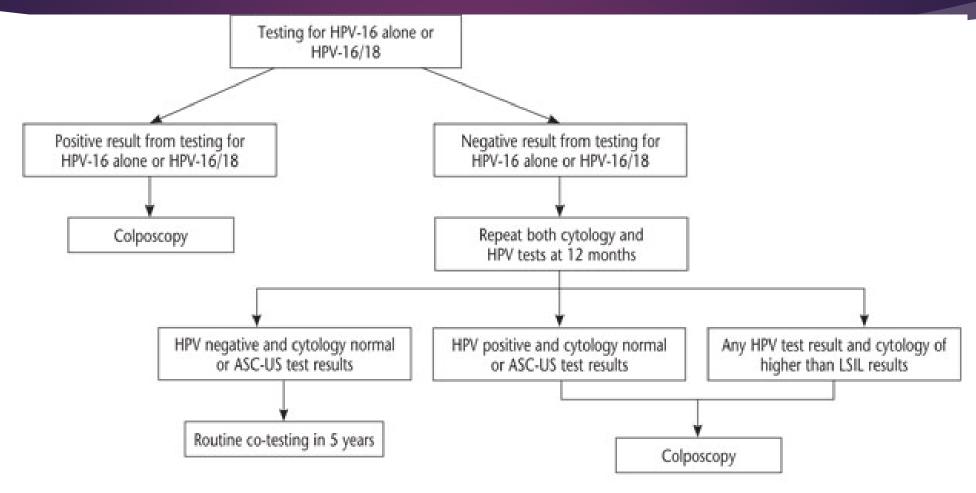


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#### When to Refer

- ▶ Persistance of absent TZ in women age 30+
- ▶ Unsatisfactory cytology, HPV+ in women age 30+
- ▶ Persistance of HPV in women age 30+
- ► ASCUS, HPV+ in women age 30+
- LSIL, HSIL

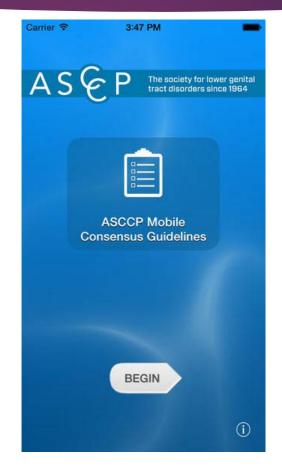
## Specialized Testing

- ▶ Dual-stained cytology (p16, Ki-67)
- ► HPV oncogene E6/E7 mRNA testing

## The App

ASCCP Mobile

Consensus Guidelines





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