Empowering Health: Self-Collection Cervical Screening in Primary Care

Brisbane North PHN invites general practices to engage in quality improvement activities for cervical screening, with a special focus on self-collection. Understanding screening methods and interpreting results is vital for clinicians to provide optimal care. For patients, being informed about screening options enables proactive, preventative health measures.

Participate in these quality improvement activities focused on cervical screening, particularly self-collection, to enhance patient care and optimize your practice operations, ensuring adherence to the highest healthcare standards in cervical health.

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| **Step 1** | **Watch the webinars**Learn the essential updates on cervical cancer prevention by watching our specialised webinars. Understand the benefits of self-collection methods (especially for those under or never screened populations), interpretation of results, and integration into general practice workflows.  [Brisbane North PHNs Empowering Health: Self-Collection Cervical Screening in Primary Care webinar](https://youtu.be/7Ku-IppwBK8?si=9HgU-6QnxCKOZbbk)  * The significance of self-collection in increasing screening rates
* Utilization of the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR) to manage patient records and reminders

[RACGP’s Speculum Sabbatical-Supporting self-collection for cervical screening](https://www.racgp.org.au/racgp-digital-events-calendar/online-event-items/on-demand/speculum-sabbatical-supporting-self-collection-1) * Comprehensive guidance on the self-collection process for clinical staff
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| **Step 2** |

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| **Implementing cervical screening in your practice** Introduce or refine cervical screening in your practice focusing on the self-collection method: * Update your practice with the latest [National Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines](https://www.cancer.org.au/clinical-guidelines)
* Incorporate self-collection opportunistically
* Use tools such as the [National Cervical Screening Program](https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-cervical-screening-program) and the [National Cancer Screening Register](https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-cancer-screening-register), which can be integrated with your clinical software to manage and track screenings.
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| **Step 3** | **Choose your CQI activity**Select from a range of quality improvement activities tailored to enhance cervical screening rates and patient engagement in your practice:1. [Simple plan a meeting PDSA:](https://practicesupport.org.au/web/assets/images/DRA_DOC_CQI-Planned-Activity_Cervical-Screening_Team-meeting.pdf)  New to CQI? Why not start with this beginner activity.
2. [Cervical screening QIM 9 PDSA:](https://practicesupport.org.au/web/assets/images/FIN_BNPHN-CQI-PDSA-QIM9.pdf) Develop a plan to increase cervical screening in your practice. This activity includes integrating with the National Cancer Screening Register (NSCR), identifying and recalling patients, and tracking cervical screening offers.
3. [Integrate with the National Cervical Screeening Register (NCSR) PDSA:](https://practicesupport.org.au/web/assets/images/Prefilled-PDSA-NCSR-integration.pdf) Develop a plan to improve the accuracy and efficiency of identifying a patient’s cancer screening status by integrating with the NCSR.
4. [Mini audit cervical screening self-collection:](https://practicesupport.org.au/web/assets/images/FIN_SCCS_Audit_mini_audit_CPD_guide_Example_V1_2023.pdf)Evaluate your practice's current screening rates by identifying eligible patients and offering screening options.
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| **Step 4** | **Review other resources available online**Utilise the autofill templates for [Best Practice](https://practicesupport.org.au/web/assets/images/SCCS-BP-Procedure-Searchable-data.pdf) and [Medical Director](https://practicesupport.org.au/web/assets/images/SCCS-MD-Procedure-Searchable-data.pdf) clinical software to track cervical screening self-collection offers  | **Completed**[ ]  | **Staff initials** |