

BC Provincial Colposcopy Program Standards

STANDARDS FOR BC PROVINCIAL COLPOSCOPY PROGRAM SERVICES

Objective	Measurement	Standard
1) To ensure referral for colposcopy is appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical cytology showing HSIL, ASC-H • Persistent LSIL (over a 24 month period) • Cytology reporting atypical glandular cells • Clinical abnormality of concern to primary care physician • Abnormal vaginal discharge and or bleeding • Persistent unsatisfactory smears over a 24 month period 	>90% of referrals follow accepted guidelines
(2) To ensure women adequately informed about reason for colposcopy and related treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colposcopy information pamphlet available at GP office 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed consent should be obtained prior to any colposcopy or treatment 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colposcopy results and recommendations communicated to patients either directly or through referring physician 	>90% within 2 weeks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent always obtained if learners present, e.g. trainees, medical – nursing students 	100%

3) To ensure appropriate access to colposcopy services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait list time for colposcopy, all referrals 	≤ 12 weeks in 95%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait list time for colposcopy for HSIL 	≤4 weeks for “marked” ≤8 weeks for “moderate”
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait list time for colposcopy, LSIL or less 	≤ 12 weeks in >90%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of non-pregnant patients having biopsies 	> 90%
(4) To ensure clinic space and environment is appropriate	<p>Clinics to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean facilities that provide privacy for examinations and discussion • Appropriate changing and washroom facilities • Appropriate exam table, colposcope and related necessary equipment 	
(5) Appropriate Clinic Staff Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colposcopist with training approved by BC Provincial Colposcopy Program • A clinic nurse with appropriate skills and knowledge • Appropriate clerical/support staff 	100%
(6) To ensure appropriate data recording and collection	A. BC Colposcopy Program data forms used for all patients with copy of results to BCCA Central Cytology Laboratory	
	B. Accurate recording of findings to include:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfactory versus unsatisfactory exam 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of "colposcopic impression" when first seen 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of "colposcopic biopsy" and "colposcopic evaluation" once biopsy result available 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation(s) as to management 	100%
(7) To reduce problems of non-compliance and "appointment not kept"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any patients with failure to show for colposcopy; referring MD's office contacted 	100%
(8) To ensure appropriate selection and quality of treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All women needing treatment should be informed of such and various treatment options explained and discussed 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment pamphlets available in physician's office 	desirable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed consent obtained prior to treatment 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature and details of treatment recorded on approved form 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Histological diagnosis known prior to treatment with ablative therapy 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complication rate of ambulatory treatment 	≤ 5%
(9) To ensure adequate follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proportion of women having colposcopy ~6 months after therapy 	> 85%

<p>(10) To ensure adequate communication of therapy details to referring physicians</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of results regarding treatment details sent to referring doctor(s) 	<p>100% within 4 weeks</p>
<p>(11) To ensure colposcopist skill levels maintained</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of patients seen/year 	<p>> 100</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Colposcopy Program performance standards 	<p>Within 5% of group mean for basic indicators</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at BC Provincial Colposcopy Annual Update 	<p>2 of every 3 meetings</p>