

Wait Time Standards: Colposcopy

Wait time standards for follow-up of cervix screening results in BC are established based on the positive predictive value (PPV) of screening results. For more information, see the [Colposcopy Standards](#).

Based on their cytology and HPV results, the patient should have a follow-up colposcopy:

Cytology Result \ HPV Result	HPV Result			
	HPV 16/18	HPV Other High-Risk Types	HPV Negative	No HPV Result
Squamous Cell Carcinoma/ Adenocarcinoma/ Endometrial Adenocarcinoma	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
Other Malignant Neoplasm	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
HSIL Severe with Features of Invasion	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
Atypical Endocervical Cells FN	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
Atypical Glandular Cells FN	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
Endocervical Adenocarcinoma in Situ	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
HSIL Severe + Atypical Cells FN	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
HSIL (Severe/Marked/CIS)	Within 4 weeks	Within 4 weeks	Within 4 weeks	Within 4 weeks
ASCH	Within 4 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks
HSIL Moderate	Within 4 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks
Glandular Cell – Atypical Endocervical Cells NOS	Within 4 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks
Glandular Cell – Atypical Endometrial Cells NOS	Within 4 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks
Glandular Cell – Atypical Glandular Cells NOS	Within 4 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks
LSIL	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks
ASCUS	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks
NILM	Within 8 weeks	Within 8 weeks	Colposcopy Not Recommended	Colposcopy Not Recommended
No Cytology	Within 8 weeks	Colposcopy Not Recommended	Colposcopy Not Recommended	Colposcopy Not Recommended

HSIL: High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions
ASCH: Atypical squamous cells, cannot exclude a HSIL
LSIL: Low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions

ASCUS: Atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance
NILM: Negative for intraepithelial lesions or malignancy

This table is a guideline and patients with clinical symptoms or those with previous screening results that have not been followed up should be seen based on the priority of the most urgent result. Patients who have been recommended for colposcopy with a screening test result that would not typically require colposcopy follow-up should be prioritized by a colposcopist, as a previous screening test result is most often the reason for colposcopy referral.