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## Laboratory Update: HPV Dry Swab Testing Message 1 – coming soon to APS

APS is very pleased to advise that the laboratory has completed the dry swab validation on our instrumentation in order to provide HPV testing from a dry swab sample.

We are now in the process of printing new self-collect swab instructions and organising the supply of our new HPV swab collection kits.

A second communication, with details of the new consumables and a copy of the new self-collect instructions, will be sent to you by end of August.

A starter pack will be delivered to all community referrers who currently use ThinPrep in the beginning of September.

To avoid unnecessary waste, we encourage you to keep orders of wet swab consumables to a minimum prior to the changeover and to use up your wet swab supplies, before you start using the new dry swab collection kits for HPV testing.

Ngā mihi nui

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