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Laboratory Update: HPV Dry Swab Testing Message 3 – APS go live 12 September 2024

The Cytology team at APS has worked hard to get everything ready to start receiving HPV Dry Swab samples next week.

Referrers who use ThinPrep® for LBC collects and send their HPV samples to Anatomic Pathology Service (APS) for testing, can transition to the Dry Swab collect for HPV testing **from 12 September**.

A **starter pack** of the new consumables is being sent out to all Auckland community practices who currently use ThinPrep® and should arrive at practices no later than 6 September. For future orders of the **new** HPV swab collection kits, An updated APS Supply Order pad has been included in the starter pack and the writable PDF of the Supply Order form is attached. Please bear with us over the next few weeks as we fill supply orders from hundreds of practices in the greater Auckland area.

The wet swab consumables will no longer be orderable. To avoid unnecessary waste, please continue sending wet swab samples until this stock is exhausted.

If a patient takes the HPV self-sampling kit home, advise the patient they must return the HPV secondary tube to your practice. Check the secondary tube is labelled with the correct details for the patient, before sending the sample to the laboratory.

An updated Service Guide and HPV FAQs are also attached for your reference and will be available soon on the APS website.

If you have any questions regarding the new Dry Swab collection, please contact the team at APS on 302 0516 or aps.info@adhb.govt.nz.

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