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Tēnā koutou

**Laboratory Update: HPV Vaginal Swab Testing from 31 March 2025**

**APS will no longer accept Wet Swab vaginal samples collected in a Roche cell collection medium vial and a recollect will be required if received.**

For the HPV screening test, the laboratory will accept either:

- a ThinPrep LBC sample or
- a vaginal swab sample in the secondary tube (supplied in the kit).

For more information on HPV testing:

**Community:**

Refer to the [APS website](#) – available to download:

- Supply Order form to order the HPV Swab Collection Kits
- Self-collect swab instructions
- HPV & Cytology Info Guide – **Updated!**
- HPV FAQs – **Updated!**

**Hospital:**

Refer to the LabPLUS Test Guide: [HPV and Cytology for Cervical Screening](#).

The FPIM code for the **HPV Swab Collection Kit:** **377266**

If you have any questions, please contact the team at APS on 302 0516 or [aps.info@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:aps.info@adhb.govt.nz).

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