MANAGING THE SCREENING HISTORY OF WOMEN UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE:

New Screening Guidelines for Cervical Cancer

In January, 2013, CervixCheck updated its guidelines for cervical cancer screening in Manitoba. Routine screening is no longer recommended for women under 21 years of age. Screening should be initiated at 21 years of age for all women who have ever been sexually active.

The following is the recommended management for women under 21 years of age with pre-existing Pap tests.

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<td>Negative</td>
<td>Delay routine screening (every 3 years) until 21 years of age.</td>
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**Low-Grade**

- **Unsatisfactory**
  - **ASC-US** (Atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance)
  - **LSIL** (Low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion)

**High-Grade**

- **AGC** (Atypical glandular cells)
- **ASC-H** (Atypical squamous cells, cannot rule out high-grade)
- **HSIL** (High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion)
- **AIS** (Adenocarcinoma in situ)
- **Squamous carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, and other malignant neoplasms**

Refer for colposcopy.

Any visual abnormalities and/or symptoms (ie. abnormal bleeding or discharge) must be investigated regardless of cytology findings.

For more information, contact CervixCheck, or visit GetCheckedManitoba.ca.