Chapter 12: Pap Test Access

Increasing Access to Cervical Cancer Screening Services: The Pap Test Clinic

In an effort to increase access to screening, and reach Manitoba's underscreened and unscreened populations, CervixCheck partners with clinics, nursing stations and health centers around the province to offer enhanced Pap test services throughout the year.

CervixCheck supports HCPs to offer walk-in or by appointment Pap test clinics in their communities on a daily, weekly, monthly, bi-monthly or annual schedule. Offering regular Pap test clinics helps to:
- break down barriers to service, making it easier for women to access preventative health care.
- create a regular access point to screening services in a community.
- connect clients who receive recall or invitation letters from CervixCheck with a clinic in their community should they not already have access to a Pap test provider.

Sites are encouraged to register their Pap test clinics with CervixCheck so that the program can advertise Pap test services upon request. Register your clinic at https://www.cancercare.mb.ca/screening/hcp/#papclinicreg

To view Pap test clinics in Manitoba visit
https://www.cancercare.mb.ca/screening/cervix

This chapter identifies CervixCheck resources that are available to HCPs, as well as outlines clinic responsibilities and considerations when initiating a Pap test clinic in your community.

For more information on how to initiate a Pap test clinic, contact a Health Educator at CervixCheck.

CervixCheck Resources and Support
CervixCheck will support your efforts to operate Pap clinics in your community. We can:
- supply posters and flyers,
- advertise your clinic on our GetChecked Manitoba Facebook page,
- post your clinic on our website, and
- provide educational resources for your patients and staff.

Clinic Responsibility

Pap test clinics are a collaborative effort. Your facility should consider:

- advertising the clinic in your community by:
  - distributing posters and flyers,
  - contacting local media (e.g. radio)
- the organization of internal staffing and supplies,
- accepting clients, for just the Pap test, even if they are not a patient at the clinic,
- referring clients who are looking for a new family doctor/nurse to an appropriate resource, for example the Family Doctor Connection Line, or another clinic that may be accepting new patients, and
- coordinating follow-up on all abnormal results as per the CervixCheck Screening Guidelines.

Preparing for a Pap Test Clinic

The following is a list of considerations to plan your Pap test clinic.

Pre-Planning:

- Consider your target audience. Who are you trying to reach?
- Consider your target audience's barriers to accessing cervical cancer screening.
- Establish a planning committee. Who are the relevant stakeholders (HCPs, community outreach workers, etc.)?
- Identify the task(s) of each committee member (advertising, cervical cancer screening, scheduling, completing lab requisitions, follow-up of abnormal results, etc.)
- Identify how your Pap test clinic will be evaluated.

Planning

- Determine when cervical cancer screening will be offered.
- Identify which items will be included in the examination:
  - Pap test
  - STI check
  - Pelvic exam
- Determine the length of time each Pap test appointment requires.
- Identify a staff member to register and serve as the contact person with CervixCheck. Register your clinic with CervixCheck.

- Order the necessary materials (speculums, drapes, brooms, liquid mediums).
- Identify who will re-stock exam rooms with needed materials.
- Plan advertising of access (posters, radio, tv, etc.).
- Determine how to set-up the waiting area to:
    - provide information about cervical cancer screening (brochures, posters, videos, etc.). Resources can be ordered at no charge from www.GetCheckedManitoba.ca/resources
    - create a safe, inviting environment.

Notify CervixCheck of any changes to your Pap test clinic access.