

Cervical Screening PAP ASCCP Guidelines



To Physicians and other healthcare providers submitting pap tests:

Minnesota Community Measurement Score is a yearly health care quality publication which compares Minnesota clinics, hospitals and medical groups. Staying healthy measures within this report addresses preventative care and screening of eligible patients. The most recent report in 2013 within the "Staying Healthy Measures" assessed the percentage of women 24-64 years of age who received cervical screening pap tests who were eligible for this screening (dates of service January 1-December 31 2012 or two years prior). The Minnesota statewide rate reported that 77% of eligible women were screened on average within Minnesota medical groups. While St. Luke's OBGYN exceeded the MN average, the other St. Luke's Clinics were slightly below average at 71%. To determine whether your patient may be eligible for a pap test please refer to the following ASCCP (American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology) guidelines:

- **Screen with pap test or co-test (high risk HPV)**
 - Preferred screening for patients 30-65- screen with pap cytology test with high risk HPV co-testing every five years
 - Or screen with pap cytology test every three years
 - Screen patients under age 30 with high risk HPV testing only if ASCUS is present

- **Do not screen with pap test or high risk HPV**
 - Women younger than age 21
 - Women older than age 65 who have had adequate prior screening and are not high risk
 - Women after hysterectomy with removal of cervix and no history of high grade pre-cancer or cervical cancer

Please refer to the ASCCP website for recommendations regarding follow up on abnormal pap tests (www.asccp.org/Consensus2012). Thank you for your cooperation in screening eligible patients for cervical cancer. If you have any questions please call Sarah Lundeen, M.D. director of cytology St. Luke's Hospital (218) 249-6310.