

NATIONAL CANCER SCREENING REGISTER UPDATE

Reminder that the Colposcopy and Treatment Form has been updated

The Colposcopy and Treatment form has been updated to comply with the amended requirements of the National Cancer Screening Register Rules 2017, as well as to introduce improvements to the design and layout to better assist reporting of this important information for the NCSP.

Colposcopists are required to notify a participant's status as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CALD) status. Collection of this information allows for the accurate measure of the screening participation rates in these subgroups and helps the government develop programs that address the barriers to screening participation.

Colposcopy Quality Assurance reporting

Colposcopy Quality Assurance (CQA) reports are intended to be ongoing to support the continued delivery of high-quality colposcopy and management of cervical disease under the National Cervical Screening Program.

The first individual Colposcopy QA reports CQA report included a subset of measures from the National Cervical Screening Program's colposcopy diagnostic and treatment standards and data quality metrics. Reports covered the first six months of 2018 and were generated from data submitted to the National Cancer Screening Register (the Register) via the Colposcopy & Treatment Form and from Medicare claims information. The NCSR mailed out a first round of individual colposcopy performance measures reports last year for the period Jan-Jun 2018. Data Quality and impact on individual CQA reports:

The NCSR encountered data quality issues with the previously sent individual reports covering data from the first half of 2018, relating to the processing of large volumes of paper forms, including:

The Register was unable to match the form to a participant in the Program

- The participant is enrolled in a clinical trial (i.e. Compass)
- The participant has opted out of the Register
- There was insufficient data on the form for the Register to process.
- No colposcopy form has been received by the NCSR

While significant gains have been made in the completeness and quality of data overall for the remainder of 2018, unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to provide assurance at the level of individuals' reports.

Next steps

Following discussion with the Department of Health, ASCCP and RANZCOG, it has been decided to defer sending out of individual reports for the time being and to concentrate on analysis of the large volume of

rich and representative data available for the first time at the national aggregate level, to provide insights into colposcopy practice in Australia and to benchmark key performance measures.

These national aggregated results will be disseminated through presentations to ASCCP and RANZCOG members as well as through newsletters and publications, by the end of this year.

At present, the focus is on benchmarking performance measures at a national level. The Department of Health and C-QuIP will review the plan for sending out individual colposcopy reports early next year after the national reporting has been completed.

Future for reporting to the Register

The Register is developing better ways for specialists to submit their colposcopy diagnosis and treatment data:

- An [online portal](#) is now available via PRODA which allows colposcopy data to be entered electronically.
- Also in view is submission through practice software, to be developed with software providers.

The Healthcare Provider Portal and integration with clinical information systems will allow healthcare providers to complete a range of activities, including:

1. Accessing your patient's cervical screening results and histories online, in real-time: The portal will allow you to interact with the National Register, at a time convenient for you, your practice and your staff. As well as saving you the time previously spent calling the National Register or multiple laboratories to retrieve your patient's data.
2. Submitting forms electronically: Electronic forms will be pre-filled with healthcare provider information and will remove the need to print/scan and fax to the National Register. The data inputted through the portal automatically update your patients record and puts them on the correct screening pathway at the NCSR.
3. Managing your patient's participation: This includes the ability to opt out, defer their next screening, nominate a healthcare provider and personal representative on behalf of your patient, from either program, provided the patient's consent is granted.

How is the portal accessed?


Healthcare providers will be required to authenticate themselves through the creation of a PRODA account.

PRODA (or Provider Digital Access) is an online identity verification and authentication system used to enable secure access to government online services.

Healthcare providers will need to link their PRODA account to the portal upon initial registration. Linking accounts can be done with a Medicare Provider Number (MPN) or by requesting to be a delegate of a provider with a MPN who has already registered on the portal. Delegate access can be provided to practice staff.

Integration with clinical information systems

The National Cancer Screening Register is currently piloting integration with clinical desktop systems Best Practice and MedicalDirector, with the aim to expand integration to other vendors over time.



Users of Best Practice and MedicalDirector will be able to access screening results and histories and lodge cervical screening program forms electronically, providing they have the most up to date version of the software.

In the interim, completion of the [Colposcopy and Treatment Forms](#) remains mandatory, you can order pads of hard copy forms from cancerscreening.gov.au. You can help with improving the data quality by ensuring all information entered on the form is legible, correct and complete to fully match Medicare data. RANZCOG, ASCCP, the Register and the Department of Health will keep you informed of any developments.