



MEMORANDUM

To: Physicians, Clinics, Referring hospitals

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Subject: Cervical Cytology Reporting Updates

In accordance with the recently published edition of "The Bethesda System for Reporting Cervical Cytology" (3rd Edition, 2015), the QEII Cytopathology Laboratory is now reporting the presence of exfoliated endometrial cells in all Pap smears obtained from women aged 45 years and older. The new comment will include a recommendation for endometrial evaluation for all postmenopausal women with this finding. Previous to this change, endometrial cells were reported in women aged 40 years and older. Follow-up cervical screening will continue as per the current Nova Scotia guidelines.

In addition, our "**Atypical Squamous Cells, Favour High Grade Intraepithelial Lesion (ASC-H)**" terminology will now be changed to "**Atypical Squamous Cells, Cannot Exclude High Grade Intraepithelial Lesion (ASC-H)**" in order to adhere to the Bethesda System standards. The ASC-H diagnostic criteria and recommendation for colposcopic evaluation remain unchanged.

Please feel free to contact David Moore, Cytopathology Supervisor at (902)-473-8408 should you have any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum.