



# Changes to the National Cervical Screening Program



## Information for primary healthcare providers

April 2018

### Cervical screening in NSW: Update on register correspondence

In April 2018, the following correspondence relating to cervical screening will recommence:

- routine reminders to women
- reminders for follow-up tests to healthcare providers and women after a low-grade Pap test result
- reminders to healthcare providers and women to follow-up a previous unsatisfactory result.

Follow-up of high-grade test results has continued throughout the phased establishment of the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR).

#### What does this mean?

You or your patient may receive more than one letter, or a letter containing superseded advice, for example, a reminder to screen when they have had a recent Cervical Screening Test.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### What do you do next?

Please act on the advice of the most recent cervical screening result, as correspondence may not relate to the most recent result.

If your patient receives a reminder or follow-up correspondence and has NOT acted on the advice, please encourage them to do so.

Please continue to:

- actively manage your patient's cervical screening in accordance with the [Clinical Guidelines \(2016\)](#)
- send reminder and follow-up correspondence from your practice.

#### Further information and support

Please contact the NCSR on 1800 627 701 for further information and advice.

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For further information, visit: [cancerinstitute.org.au/cervical](http://cancerinstitute.org.au/cervical)  
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