



## Partner Update

Your partners in **care**

At Dynacare, our vision is to be Canada's health and wellness solutions leader. As part of our continuous efforts to enhance testing and support patient care, Dynacare is now able to test for HPV and Pap Cytology from one single Hologic® ThinPrep® sample.

### **Effective December 15<sup>th</sup>, Dynacare will be discontinuing the supply and use of the Digene sampler for HPV testing.**

The benefits of this change are:

- The Hologic® ThinPrep® sample is an effective FDA and Health Canada approved method to identify abnormal cells by Pap cytology and to perform molecular testing for HPV.
- The ability to use **one** sample for **two** tests: Hologic® ThinPrep® Pap Cytology test and the Aptima HPV test.
- **Option 1: Test for Pap Cytology and HPV**
  - Screening for Pap and HPV together increases the sensitivity and specificity for disease detection, by providing earlier accurate detection, greater diagnostic confidence and enhanced protection against CIN3+ and cervical cancer than screening with either test alone.
- **Option 2: Test for HPV only**
  - The ThinPrep® sample can be used when only the HPV test is requested. A ThinPrep® sample is collected, but Pap cytology is not performed.
  - The Aptima HPV test detects the presence of oncogenic viral messenger RNA (mRNA) from cells undergoing cellular transformation, hence an earlier indication for abnormal cells than Pap cytology.
  - The Aptima HPV mRNA test has greater specificity for detecting clinically relevant disease (High Grade lesions or CIN2/3) than the previous DNA based HPV test used with the Digene sampler.

Dynacare is committed to providing the highest quality and value to our healthcare system. For further information and support please contact Dr. Anu Rebbapragada, Scientific Director, Microbiology RebbapragadaA@dynacare.ca or 800.668.2714 x 5429.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you as we strive to improve patient care in Ontario.

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