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**To:** PHYSICIANS LABORATORY SERVICES CLIENTS  
**Date:** MARCH, 2009  
**From:** Juli Singer, CT (ASCP) - Cytology Supervisor  
**Re:** **REQUISITION CHANGES FOR HPV TESTING**

Physicians Laboratory Services has recently made modifications to their cytology requisitions pertaining to HPV testing. The requisition will now read:

- HPV TESTING IF PAP IS ASC-US
- HPV TESTING IF PAP IS ASC-US OR ASC-H
- HPV TESTING WITH ANY DIAGNOSIS
- HPV TESTING WITH ANY ABNORMAL PAP
- HPV TESTING ONLY – NO PAP

Due to "2006 Consensus Guidelines for the Management of Women with Abnormal Cervical Cancer Screening Tests," Physicians Laboratory will now only perform HPV testing on an ASC-H patient when the client checks "HPV TESTING IF PAP IS ASC-US OR ASC-H" on the requisition.

The 2006 Consensus Guidelines are as follows:

**RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT OF WOMEN WITH ASC-US:**

A program of DNA testing for high-risk (oncogenic) types of HPV, repeat cervical cytologic testing, or colposcopy are all acceptable methods for managing women over the age of 20 years with ASC-US. When liquid based cytology is used or when co-collection for HPV DNA testing can be done, "reflex" HPV DNA testing is the preferred approach. (*AJOG, p. 348*)

**RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT OF WOMEN WITH ASC-H:**

The recommended management of women with ASC-H is referral for colposcopic evaluation. (*AJOG, p. 349*)

If you have additional questions, please contact Juli Singer at (402) 494-4545.

Wright Jr, T., Massad, S., Dunton, C., Spitzer, M., Wilkinson, E., Solomon, D., "2006 Consensus Guidelines for the Management of Women with Abnormal Cervical Cancer Screening Tests," American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Oct 2007, p. 346-354. [www.asccp.org](http://www.asccp.org)