



BC Cancer Cervix Screening 2018 Program Results

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

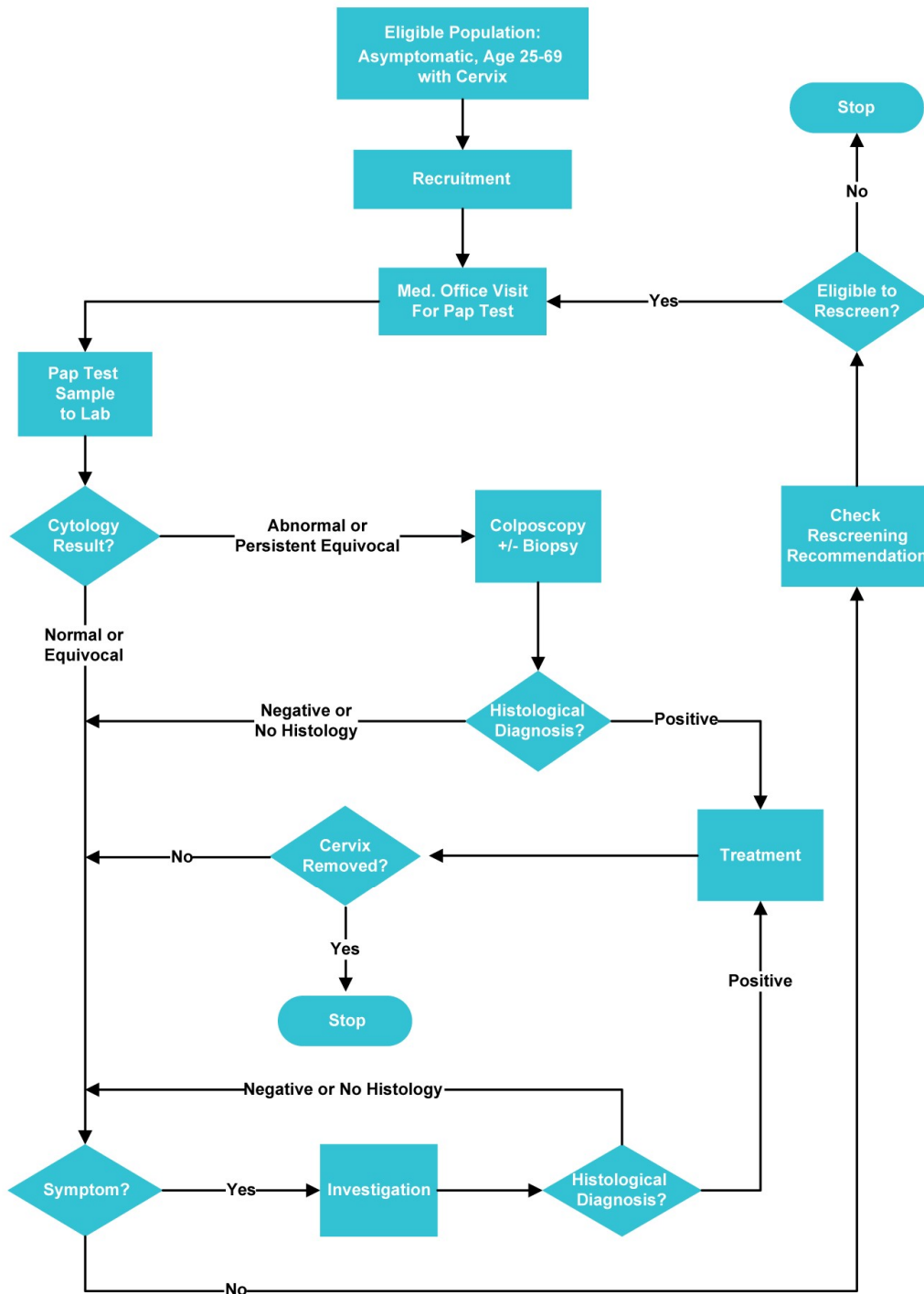
BC Cancer Cervix Screening has oversight responsibility for cervix screening in BC. The program reminds healthcare providers when their patients are due for screening, tracks adherence to screening recommendations, and monitors system performance and outcomes of cervix screening activities. In BC, Pap tests are recommended every three years for women 25-69 years of age. Pap tests are provided by primary care providers and trained nurses in the province and the tests are interpreted and reported by the Cervical Cancer Screening Laboratory (CCS Lab) of the Provincial Health Services Authority.

The Screening Process

The Screening Process is illustrated in Figure 1 (Page 4). This process consists of four stages:

1. Identify and invite the target population for screening
2. Conduct screening examinations
3. Investigate abnormalities identified during screening
4. Send screening reminders at the appropriate interval

FIGURE 1: BC CANCER CERVIX SCREENING PROCESS OVERVIEW



For detailed information on the management of higher than average risk patients, see the BC Cancer Cervix Screening Guidelines.

PROGRAM RESULTS

In order to prevent inappropriate disclosure of health-related information due to small counts in specific groupings, all integers presented in this report have been randomly rounded up or down to zero or five using Statistics Canada methodology.

a) Volume of Samples

TABLE 1: NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH CERVICAL/ENDOCERVICAL PAP TEST SAMPLES, 2018

	<20	20-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	All Ages
Number of Patients	650	7,215	34,465	77,775	70,290	69,115	50,880	2,190	312,580
Number of Smears	675	7,535	35,700	79,965	72,035	70,440	51,585	2,225	320,155
New Patients	470	2,520	8,840	9,670	3,775	2,155	1,560	95	29,090
(%)	72%	35%	26%	12%	5%	3%	3%	4%	9%

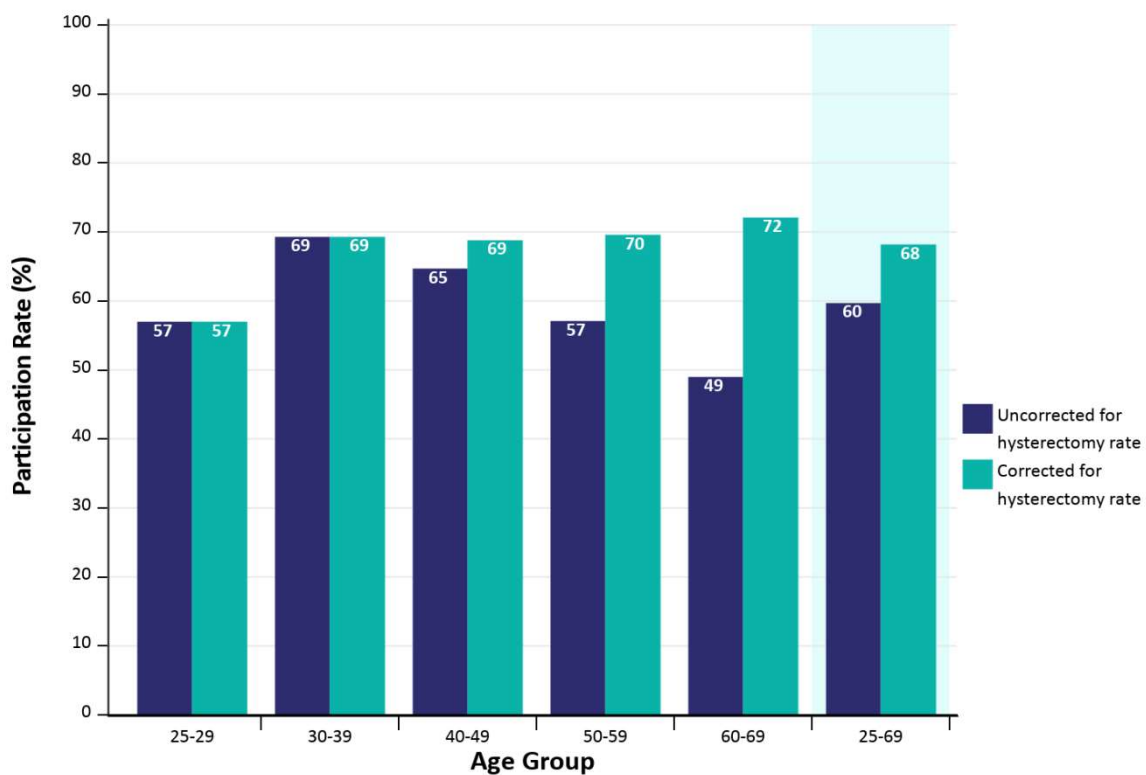
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b) Participation Rates

Participation rate is defined as the percent of eligible women with at least one cervical/endocervical Pap test in a three-year period. Statistic Canada's Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) data is used to adjust the denominator for hysterectomy rates in BC as most women who have had a total hysterectomy do not need routine screening. Hysterectomy rates can be calculated from the CCHS and applied to 10 year age groups at the provincial level. However, due to small sample size and large variation in rate estimates, they can only be calculated at the level of Health Authority across the target age group (25-69).

FIGURE 2: PARTICIPATION RATES BY AGE GROUP, 2018



Notes:

1. Based on average of 2018 and 2019 female population estimates
2. Population data source: P.E.O.P.L.E. 2019 (Sept 2019), BC STATS, Service BC, BC Ministry of Citizen's Services
3. Hysterectomy adjustment calculated using 2012 Canadian Community Health Survey
4. BC Cancer Cervix Screening data extraction date: 11/3/2019
5. Age is computed based on patient's age at end of 2018

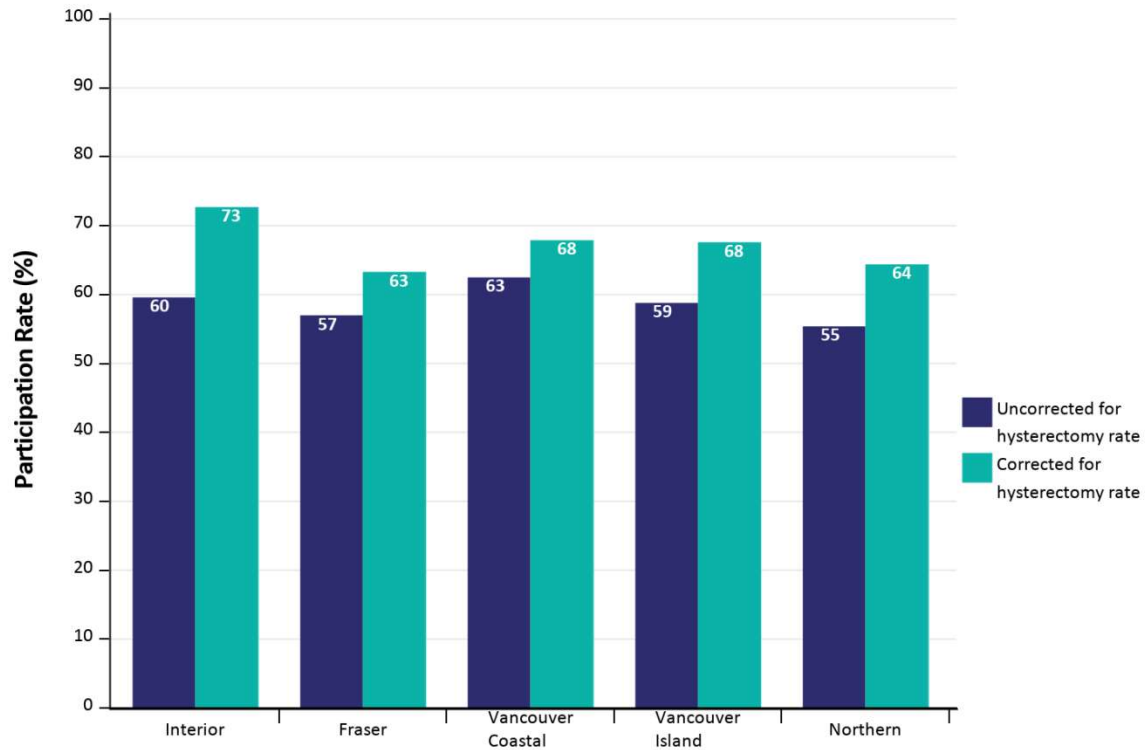
TABLE 2: PARTICIPATION RATES OF WOMEN 25-29, 30-34, AND 35-39 YEARS OF AGE BY HSDA, 2018

Health Authority	Health Service Delivery Area	25-29	30-34	35-39
Interior	East Kootenay	70%	73%	72%
Interior	Kootenay Boundary	67%	73%	66%
Interior	Okanagan	69%	73%	70%
Interior	Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	70%	71%	69%
Fraser	Fraser East	58%	65%	63%
Fraser	Fraser North	51%	64%	67%
Fraser	Fraser South	49%	64%	65%
Vancouver Coastal	Richmond	43%	57%	66%
Vancouver Coastal	Vancouver	46%	66%	73%
Vancouver Coastal	North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	65%	75%	75%
Vancouver Island	South Vancouver Island	62%	71%	70%
Vancouver Island	Central Vancouver Island	62%	68%	63%
Vancouver Island	North Vancouver Island	66%	70%	66%
Northern	Northwest	64%	66%	64%
Northern	Northern Interior	62%	67%	63%
Northern	Northeast	64%	65%	60%
BC		55%	67%	68%

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FIGURE 3: PARTICIPATION RATES BY HEALTH AUTHORITY, 2018



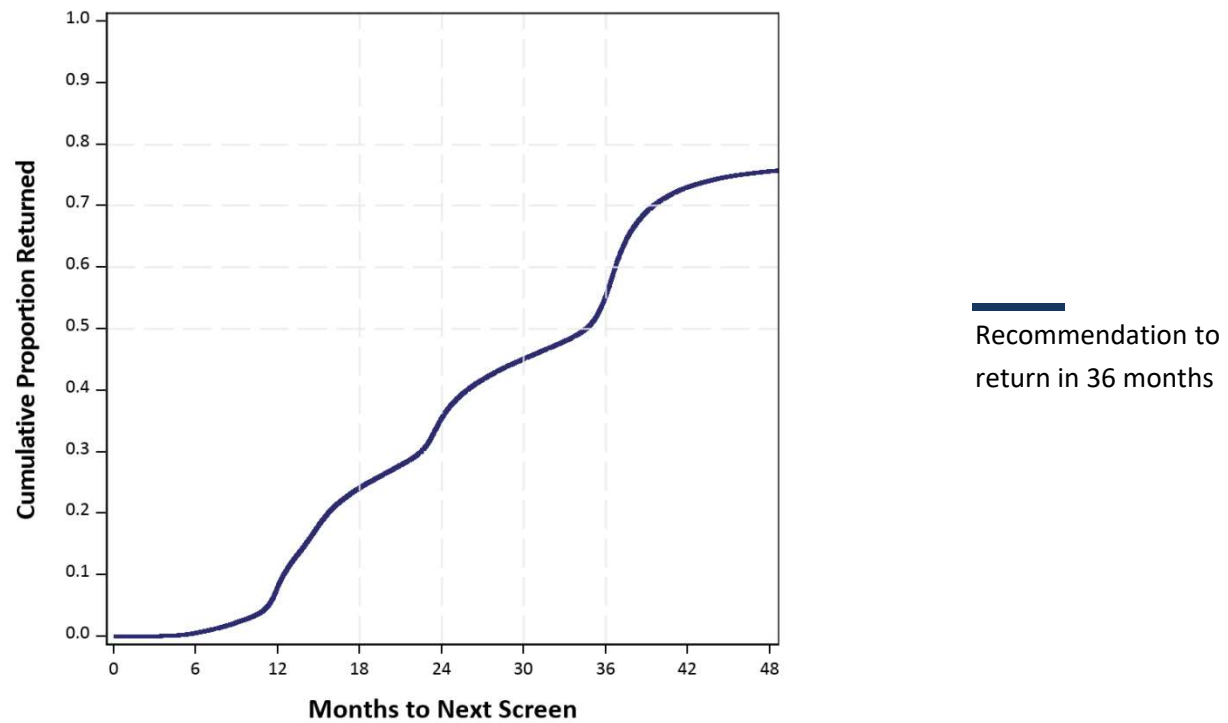
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6. Age is computed based on patient’s age at end of 2018
7. Data includes patients between ages 25-69

c) Retention Rate

Retention rate is defined as the proportion of average risk women with a negative sample who returned for a Pap test at 36 months.

FIGURE 4: RETENTION RATES BY SCREENING INTERVAL RECOMMENDATION, 2015



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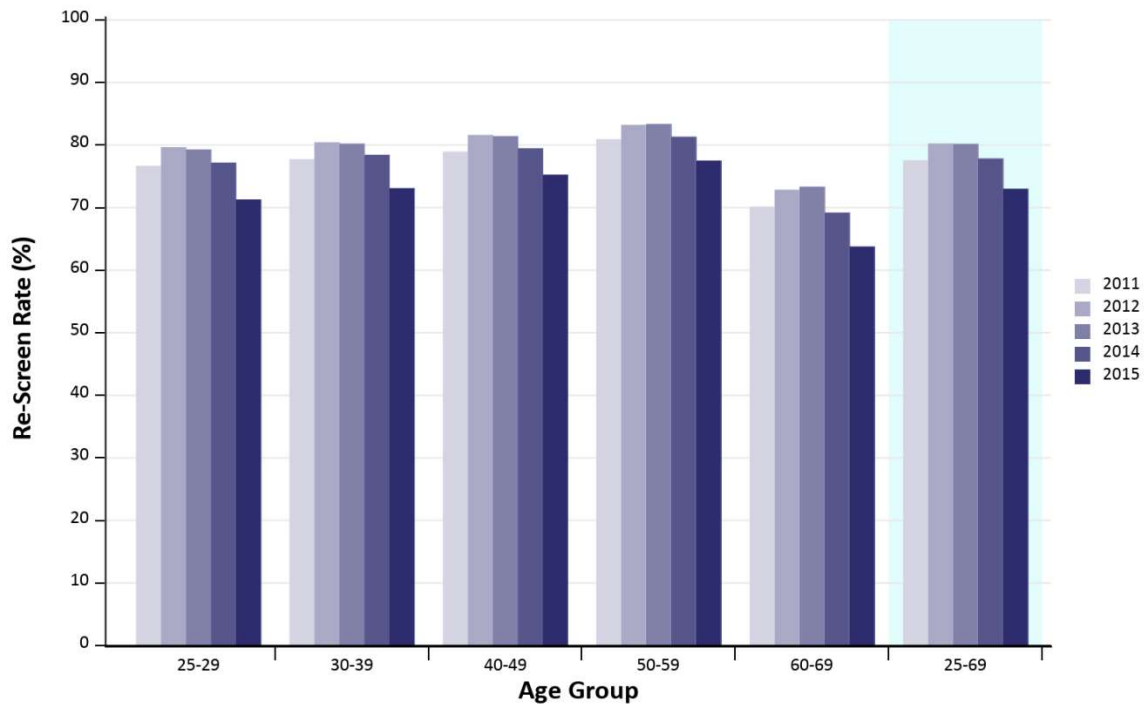
TABLE 3: RETENTION RATES (%) BY AGE GROUP, 2015

	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	25-69
Number of patients	49,810	104,775	97,270	96,970	62,885	411,705
Re-screened by						
18 Months	30%	26%	23%	23%	19%	24%
24 Months	41%	38%	35%	35%	29%	35%
30 Months	50%	47%	45%	45%	37%	45%
36 Months	59%	57%	56%	56%	47%	55%
42 Months	71%	73%	75%	78%	64%	73%

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FIGURE 5: 42-MONTH RETENTION RATE BY AGE GROUP OVER TIME, 2011 – 2015



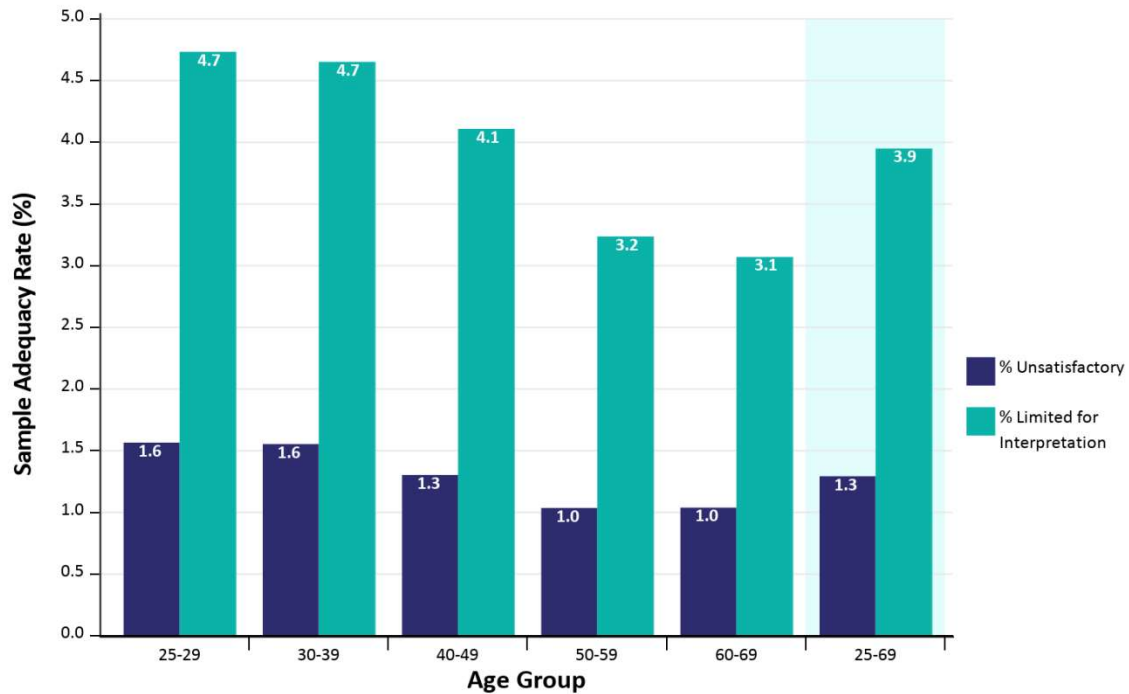
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d) Adequacy of Pap Test Samples

The most commonly cited factor for inadequate sample is scanty sample material (78% of unsatisfactory samples and 53% of samples that are limited for interpretation). The next most cited reason is inflammatory exudates (14% in unsatisfactory samples and 32% in limited for interpretation samples). Multiple factors may be cited.

FIGURE 6: CERVICAL SAMPLE ADEQUACY RATES BY AGE GROUP, 2018



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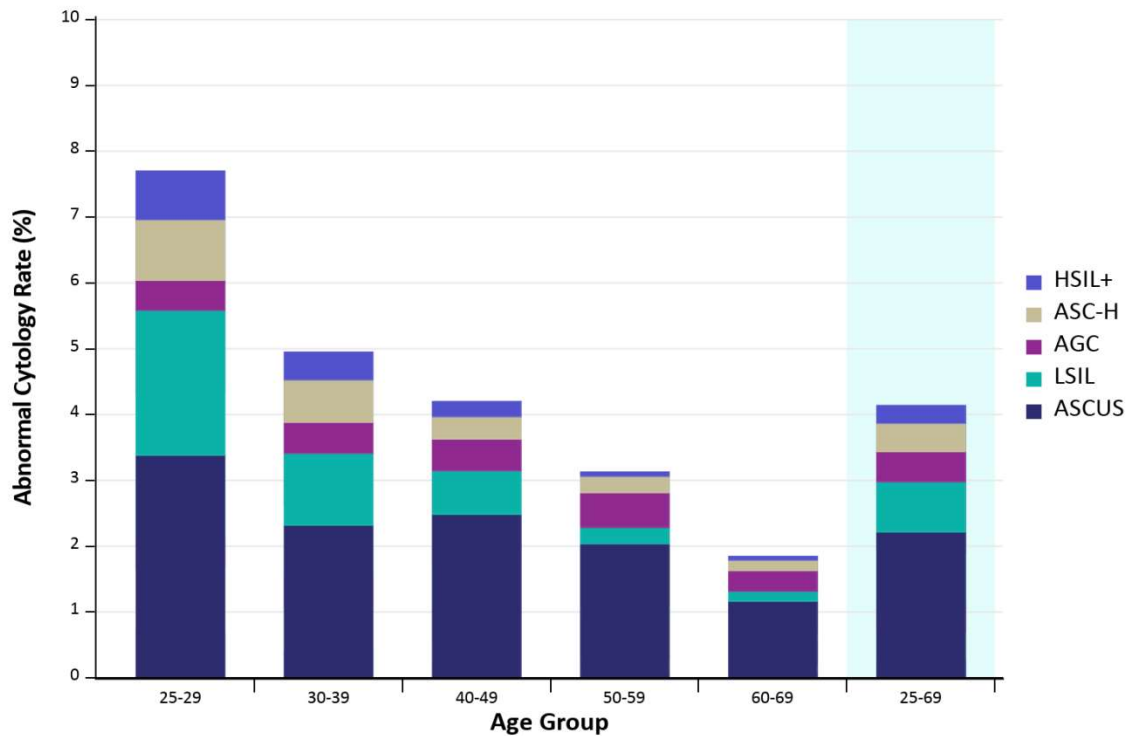
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e) Screening Test Results

Cytology turnaround time is the average number of days from the date the sample is received in the CCS Lab to the date the finalized report is issued. The target turn around time is for 90% of reports to be issued in 28 days. In 2018, 90% of Pap tests were reported within 24 days.

The CCS Lab uses the international standardized Bethesda nomenclature to report Pap test results (Appendix A).

FIGURE 7: ABNORMAL SCREENING TEST RESULT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUP, 2018



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3. HSIL+ includes HSIL, AIS and invasive carcinoma

f) Follow-up of Abnormal Pap Test Results

Follow-up Recommendation

The current screening guideline is to follow ASC-US or LSIL results with a repeat Pap test at six-month intervals for up to one year. Colposcopy is recommended for either persistent ASC-US or LSIL or an initial interpretation of AGC, ASC-H, HSIL, AIS or invasive carcinoma. “Other Investigations” are predominantly recommendations for further investigation for suspected endometrial abnormalities.

TABLE 4: FOLLOW-UP RECOMMENDATIONS BY AGE GROUP, 2018

	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	25-69
Patients with ASC-US or LSIL	1,945	2,710	2,260	1,600	695	9,210
Repeat in 6 months	1,655	2,290	1,930	1,385	615	7,870
(%)	85%	85%	85%	87%	88%	85%
Colposcopy	265	385	275	185	60	1,170
(%)	14%	14%	12%	12%	9%	13%
AGC, ASC-H, HSIL, AIS or carcinoma	790	1,300	845	675	325	3,935
Colposcopy	775	1,280	755	480	220	3,510
(%)	98%	98%	89%	71%	68%	89%
Other Investigation	15	20	95	190	100	425
(%)	2%	2%	11%	28%	31%	11%

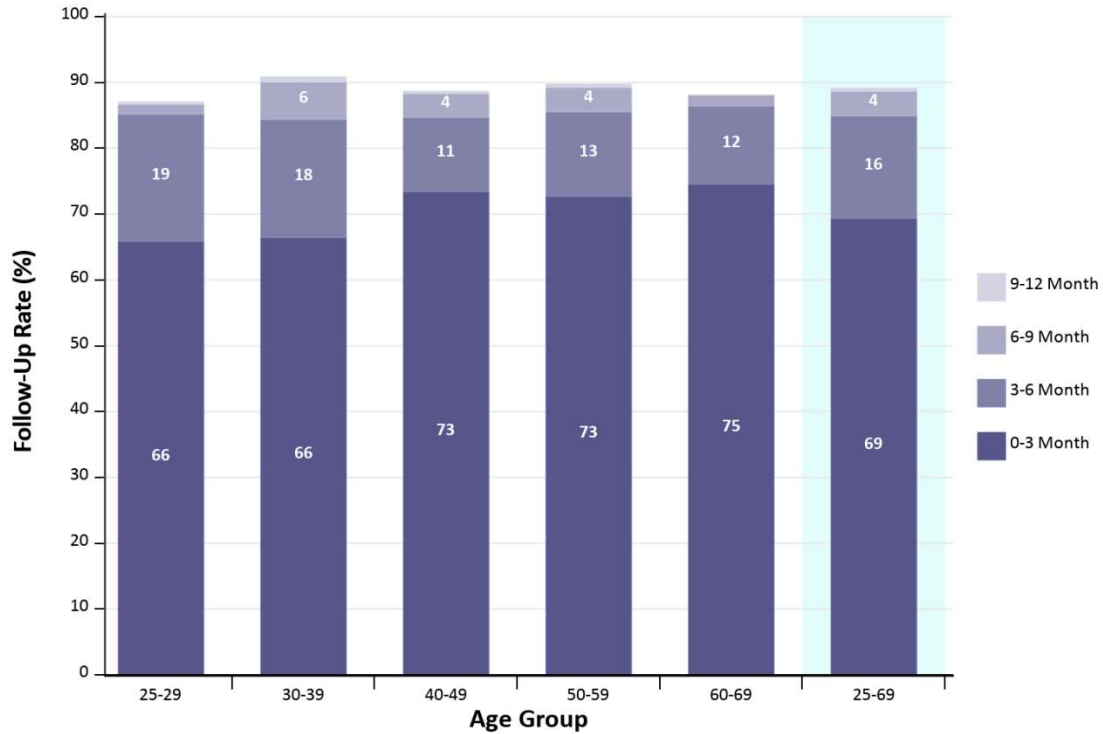
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Colposcopy Follow-up Rate

The colposcopy follow-up rate is the percentage of women recommended to have a colposcopy examination that had the follow-up procedure within 12 months of the Pap test. Colposcopies performed within one week of the Pap test are excluded, as the Pap test is unlikely to be the reason for the colposcopy referral.

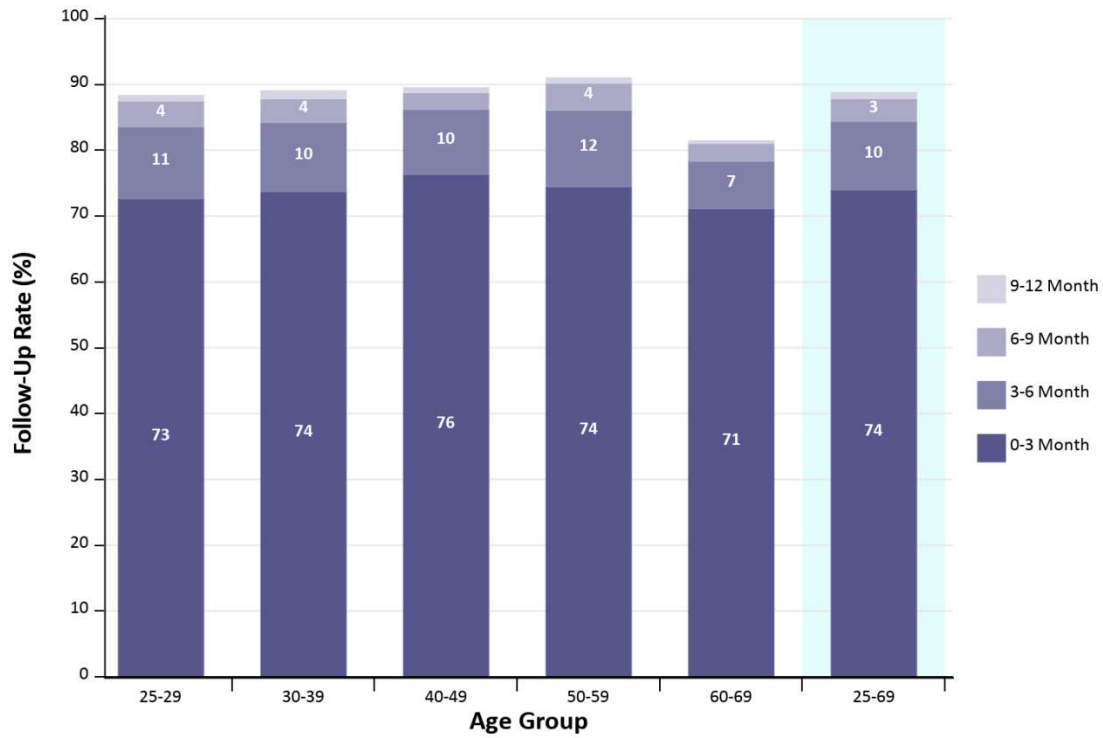
FIGURE 8: COLPOSCOPY FOLLOW-UP RATES FOR WOMEN WITH PERSISTENT ASC-US OR LSIL PAP TEST RESULT BY AGE GROUP, 2018



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FIGURE 9: COLPOSCOPY FOLLOW-UP RATES FOR WOMEN WITH HIGH GRADE OR AGC PAP TEST RESULT BY AGE GROUP, 2018



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Positive Predictive Value

The positive predictive value (PPV) is the chance of having histologically confirmed pathology when colposcopy has been recommended and a follow-up investigation with biopsy has been completed. For histology reporting cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) terminology is used.

TABLE 5: BIOPSY RATE, 2018

	ASC-US or LSIL	AGC	ASC-H or HSIL Moderate	AGC-FN, AIS or HSIL Severe
Recommended for colposcopy	1,565	1,065	2,460	705
- with biopsy performed	1,305 (83%)	765 (72%)	2,230 (91%)	605 (86%)

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TABLE 6: POSITIVE PREDICTIVE VALUE, 2018

	ASC-US or LSIL	AGC	ASC-H or HSIL Moderate	AGC-FN, AIS or HSIL Severe
CIN 2 or More Severe	235 (18%)	110 (14%)	1,385 (62%)	545 (90%)
CIN 3 or More Severe	95 (7%)	85 (11%)	915 (41%)	495 (82%)
Carcinoma	0 (0%)	15 (2%)	25 (1%)	55 (9%)

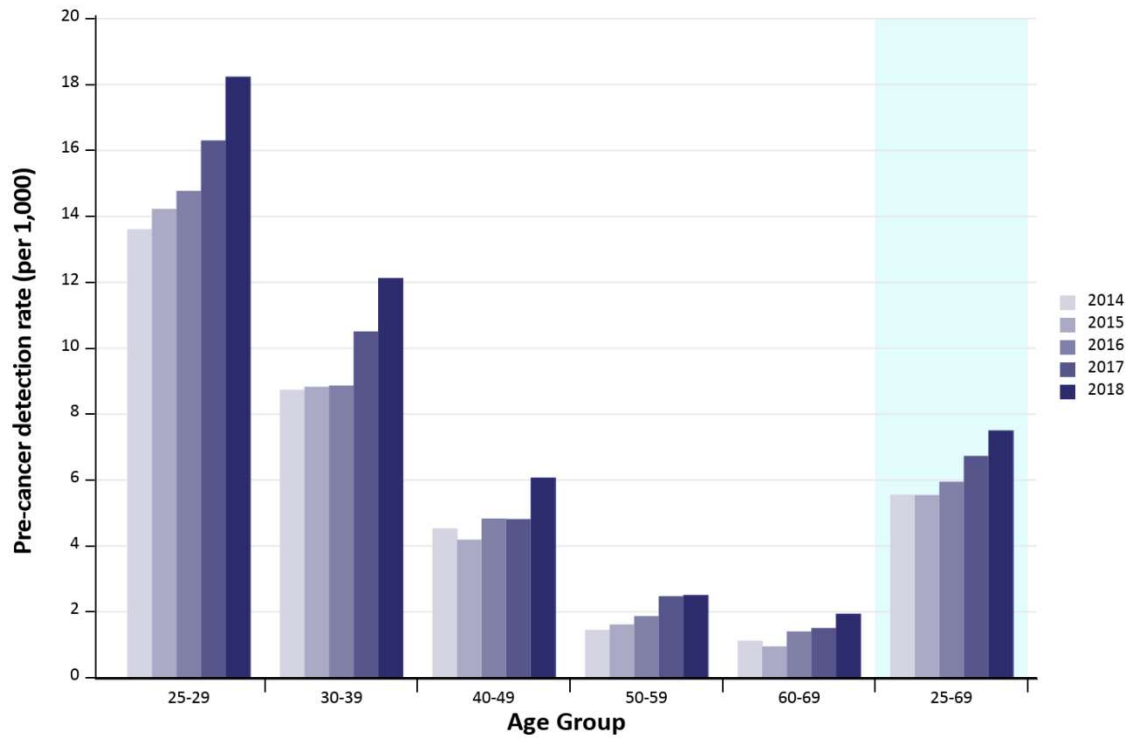
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g) Pre-Cancer Detection Rate

Pre-Cancer Detection Rate is defined as the number of pre-cancerous lesions detected per 1,000 women screened in a 12-month period. Pre-cancerous lesions are histologically confirmed CIN 2, CIN 3 or adenocarcinoma *in situ* (AIS).

FIGURE 10: PRE-CANCER DETECTION PER 1,000 WOMEN SCREENED BY AGE GROUP, 2018



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h) Cancer Incidence

New invasive cervical cancers diagnosed in 2013-2017 were identified from the British Columbia Cancer Registry and the data collected by BC Cancer Cervix Screening. The age-specific cancer incidence rates for 2013-2017 are presented in Figure 12, and the cancer counts are shown in Table 7.

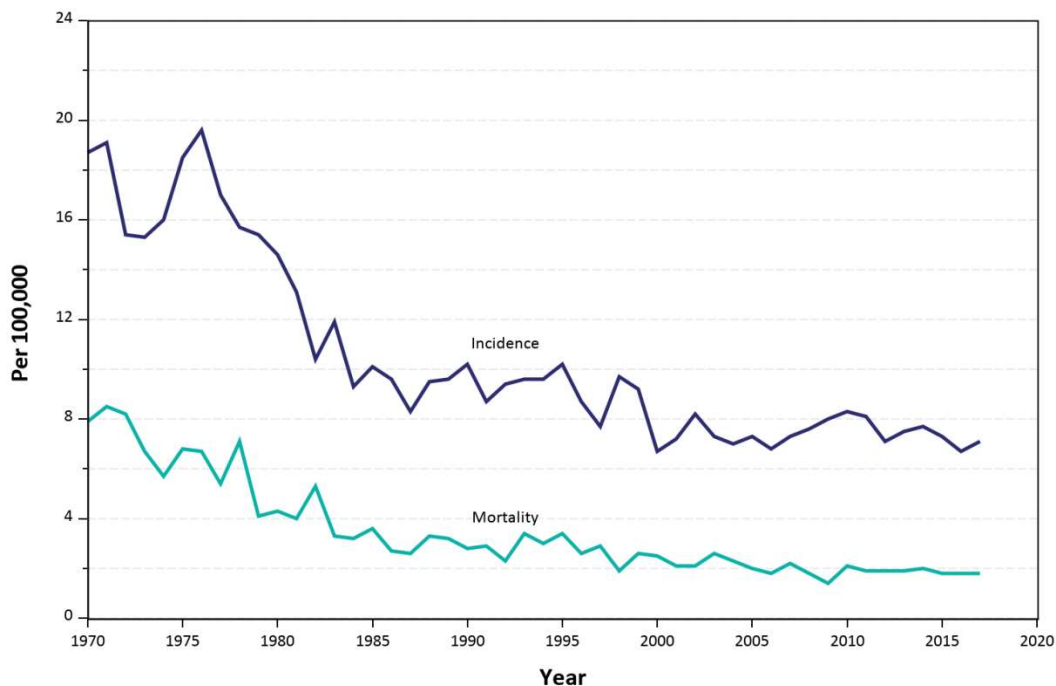
Age-Standardized Incidence Rate: weighted average of the age-range specific incidence rates, where the weights are the proportions of people in the corresponding age groups of the 2011 Canadian population (7.1/100,000, 2017).

Age-Standardized Mortality Rate: weighted average of the age-range specific mortality rates, where the weights are the proportions of people in the corresponding age groups of the 2011 Canadian population (1.8/100,000, 2017).

Incidence Rate: proportion of women in the population who develop cervical cancer in a given year, expressed as the number of cancer cases per 100,000 people.

Mortality Rate: proportion of women in the population who died of cervical cancer in a given year, expressed as the number of deaths per 100,000 people.

FIGURE 11: AGE STANDARDIZED INCIDENCE & MORTALITY RATE OF INVASIVE CERVICAL CANCER IN BC OVER TIME

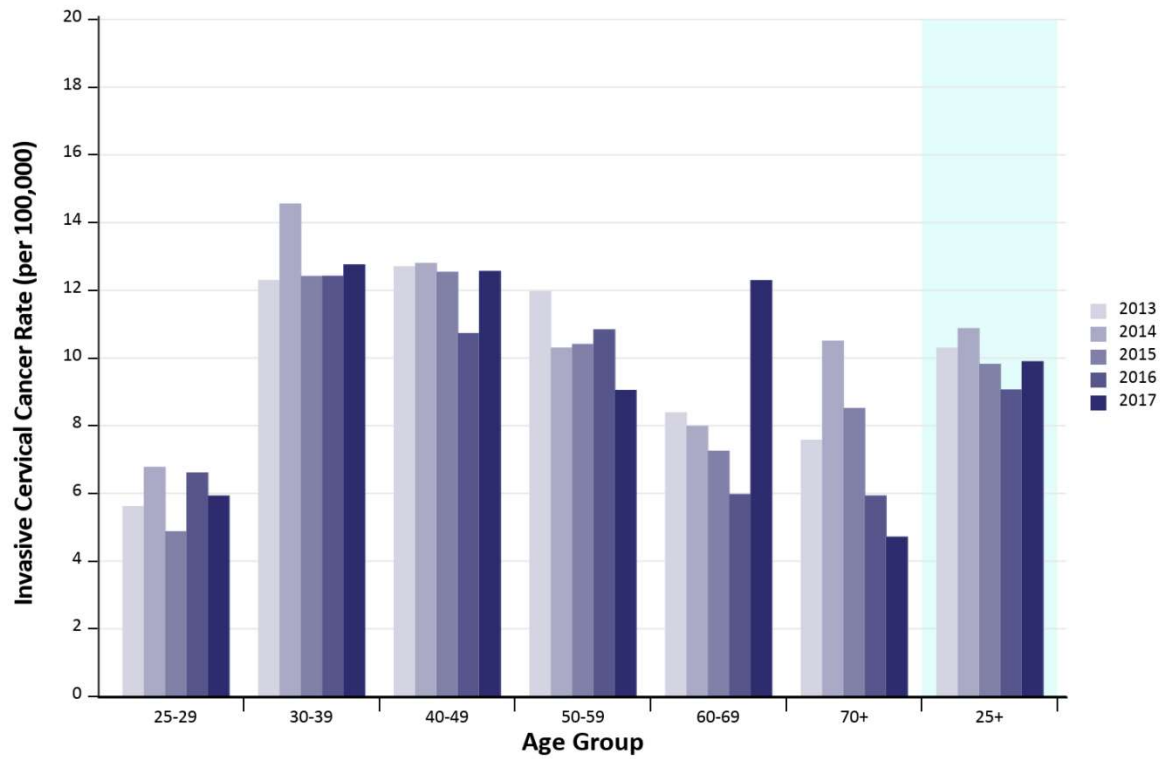


Notes:

1. Rates are standardized to the 2011 Canadian population

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FIGURE 12: INVASIVE CERVICAL CANCER INCIDENCE PER 100,000 BY AGE GROUP, 2013 – 2017



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3. Age is computed based on date of diagnosis

TABLE 7: NUMBER OF INVASIVE CERVICAL CANCERS BY AGE GROUP, 2013 – 2017

		20-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	20+
2017	Number of cases								
	All cell types	0	10	45	40	35	40	15	180
	Squamous cell only	0	5	25	25	20	25	5	115
	Incidence rate (per 100,000)								
	All cell types	0.00	5.94	12.77	12.58	9.06	12.30	4.73	9.16
Squamous cell only	0.00	3.56	8.02	7.49	5.06	8.00	2.52	5.53	
2016	Number of cases								
	All cell types	0	10	40	35	45	20	15	170
	Squamous cell only	5	10	30	30	25	10	10	115
	Incidence rate (per 100,000)								
	All cell types	1.32	6.62	12.43	10.74	10.85	5.98	5.94	8.48
Squamous cell only	1.32	4.21	9.40	8.35	6.62	2.83	3.30	5.65	
2015	Number of cases								
	All cell types	0	10	40	40	40	25	25	180
	Squamous cell only	5	5	30	30	25	15	20	125
	Incidence rate (per 100,000)								
	All cell types	1.97	4.89	12.43	12.55	10.42	7.26	8.53	9.21
Squamous cell only	1.31	3.66	9.32	8.96	5.88	4.95	6.48	6.38	
2014	Number of cases								
	All cell types	0	10	50	45	40	20	30	190
	Squamous cell only	0	10	35	25	20	20	25	130
	Incidence rate (per 100,000)								
	All cell types	0.65	6.79	14.57	12.81	10.31	8.00	10.52	10.06
Squamous cell only	0.65	4.32	10.13	7.75	6.51	6.26	7.36	6.76	
2013	Number of cases								
	All cell types	0	10	40	45	45	25	25	175
	Squamous cell only	0	10	25	25	30	15	10	120
	Incidence rate (per 100,000)								
	All cell types	0.65	5.63	12.31	12.71	11.98	8.40	7.59	9.52
Squamous cell only	0.65	5.00	8.42	7.39	8.64	6.21	3.97	6.37	

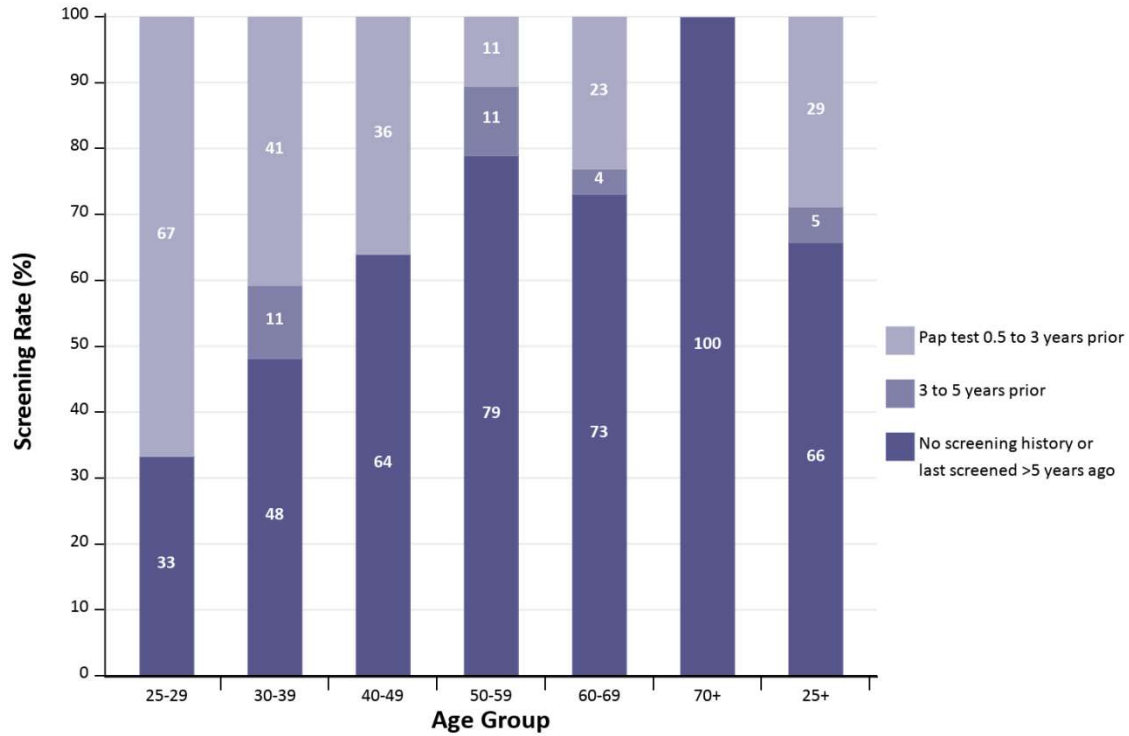
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3. Age is computed based on date of diagnosis

i) Screening History in Cases of Invasive Cancer

Pap tests performed within six months prior to the invasive cancer diagnosis are less likely to be done for screening purposes; these Paps are disregarded in the categorization of screening history.

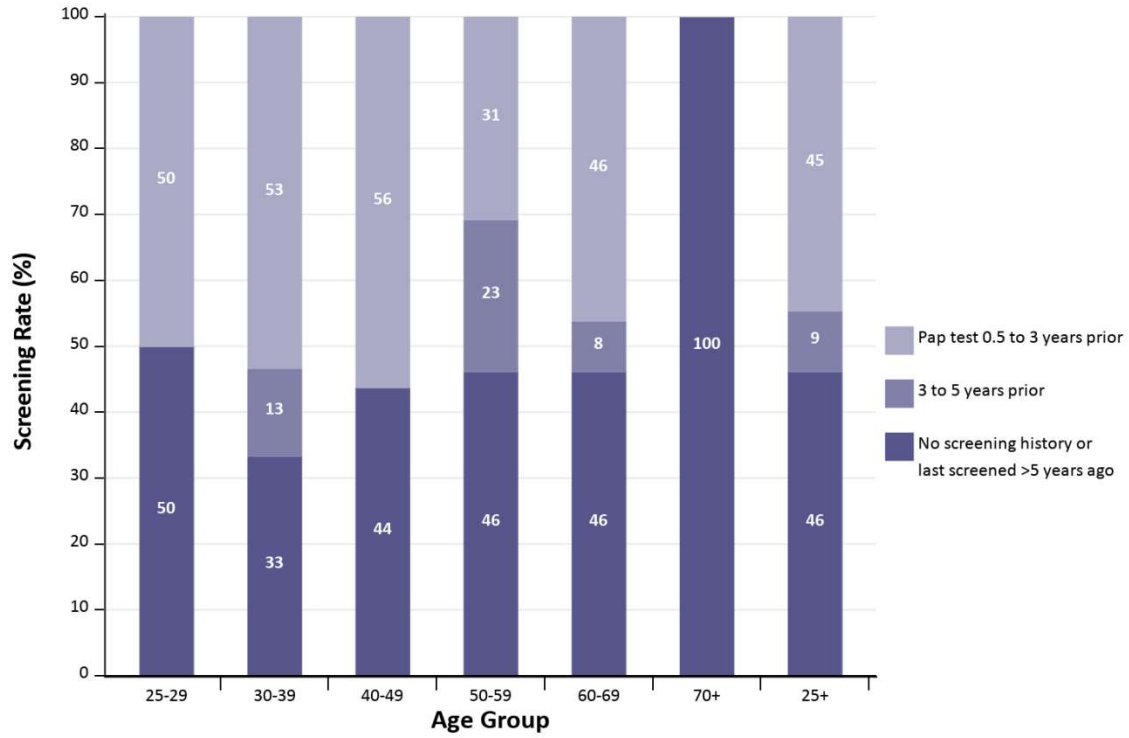
FIGURE 13: SCREENING HISTORY OF WOMEN DIAGNOSED WITH SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA, 2017



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FIGURE 14: SCREENING HISTORY OF WOMEN DIAGNOSED WITH ADENOCARCINOMA, 2017



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APPENDIX – THE 2014 BETHESDA SYSTEM

SPECIMEN ADEQUACY

- Satisfactory for evaluation
- Unsatisfactory for evaluation

INTERPRETATION/RESULT

NEGATIVE FOR INTRAEPITHELIAL LESION OR MALIGNANCY

(When there is no cellular evidence of neoplasia, state this in the General Categorization above and/or in the Interpretation/Result section of the report--whether or not there are organisms or other non-neoplastic findings)

Non-Neoplastic Findings (optional to report)

Organisms

OTHER

- Endometrial cells (in a woman 45 years of age)
(Specify if “negative for squamous intraepithelial lesion”)

EPITHELIAL CELL ABNORMALITIES

SQUAMOUS CELL

- Atypical squamous cells
 - of undetermined significance (ASC-US)
 - cannot exclude HSIL (ASC-H)
- Low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion (LSIL)
(encompassing: HPV/mild dysplasia/CIN 1)
- High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion (HSIL)
(encompassing: moderate and severe dysplasia, CIS; CIN 2 and CIN 3)
 - with features suspicious for invasion (if invasion is suspected)
- Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC)

GLANDULAR CELL

- Atypical (AGC)
 - endocervical cells (NOS or specify in comments)
 - endometrial cells (NOS or specify in comments)
 - glandular cells (NOS or specify in comments)
- Atypical
 - endocervical cells, favor neoplastic (AEC-FN)
 - glandular cells, favor neoplastic (AGC-FN)
- Endocervical adenocarcinoma in situ (AIS)
- Adenocarcinoma
 - endocervical
 - endometrial
 - extrauterine
 - not otherwise specified (NOS)

OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS (specified)

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