



## **Hysterectomy Guidelines**

(Recommendations for Pap Screening)

A question often asked by women who have had a hysterectomy is "Do I still need a Pap Test?" The following guidelines show the current national recommendations and practices.

For women who have had a subtotal hysterectomy. (Cervix still intact)

**Routine Screening** 

For women who have had a total hysterectomy (Cervix removed) and have a history of abnormal cervical cells or cervical cancer.

**Annual Screening** 

For women who have had a total hysterectomy (Cervix removed) and no abnormal history.

No Pap Test Required\*

For women who have had a total hysterectomy and no history known.

Have 3 Negative Pap Tests then refer to routine recommendations

Specimen collection on a woman with a hysterectomy is performed using the brush contained in the LBC collection kits.

Routine screening recommendations for women with an intact cervix, and no previous abnormal Pap Test is to have 3 consecutive normal Pap Tests and extend screening to every 3 years.

For more information please contact your health care provider, community health nurse or call 1-866-643-8719

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<sup>\*</sup> There have been some arguments made that it is still of preventive health benefit to re-screen women with a total hysterectomy and no abnormal history at least once every five years, as part of an overall reproductive health assessment.