Cervical Cancer Screening in Australia and New Zealand

This patient information pamphlet is based on the RANZCOG signposting guideline C-Gyn-19 Cervical cancer screening in Australia and New Zealand.

What is a signposting guideline?

RANZCOG does not create its own guidelines if there are other high-quality national or international guidelines on a topic already available. Instead, RANZCOG will "signpost" readers to those reliable resources. A signposting guideline points you to high-quality, evidence-based information, or provides a summary of it, rather than RANZCOG developing a whole new guideline.

How are signposting guidelines selected?

Signposting guidelines are selected by RANZCOG after careful consideration of relevance and quality. The decision to signpost to existing resources is informed by the availability of an appropriate evidence-based guideline or similar which meets a high standard. Part of this process includes assessing the guidelines for methodological quality using the AGREE II tool. The Research and Policy team or the Guideline Development Group (GDG) may recommend signposting, including making adaptations to the recommendations for the Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand clinical context (often with permission from authors/developers of the original source document).

Consumer resources

RANZCOG suggests the following external patient information resources for cervical cancer screening:

Cancer Council Australia

A guide to cervical cancer screening
https://www.cancer.org.au/cancer-information/causes-and-prevention/early-detection-and-screening/cervical-cancer-screening

Health New Zealand/Te Whatu Ora Health Information

Cervical screening
https://info.health.nz/keeping-healthy/cancer-screening/cervical-screening

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