

Supplementary Material

Incorporation of human papillomavirus self-sampling into the revised National Cervical Screening Program: a qualitative study of GP experiences and attitudes in rural New South Wales

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Appendix S1. Interview schedules for GPs

Note: probes are provided in italics

Questions for GPs with direct experience with self-sampling:

Introduction

- Role
- Number of years performing cervical screening in community (location specific)

The revised NCSP

- What changes have you noticed with the introduction of the renewed national cervical screening program?
- What changes have you noticed with the introduction of the new Self-Sampling program?
- Have you had any direct experience with the self-sampling option in the current guidelines?

Implementation

- Have you offered the self-sampling option to your patients?
 - *Length of time*
 - *Population groups that you particularly offer it to*
 - *Reason for not offering it to patients*
- What difficulties have you encountered introducing the self-sampling option to patients?
- What difficulties have you encountered in educating patients about the self-sampling collection process?
- What benefits have you encountered with the self-sampling option?
 - *Are patients more open to self-sampling when given the option*
- What are the logistics of self-sampling in your medical centre?
- Do you think that self-sampling is an effective way to screen for cervical cancer? Can you explain that to me?

Patient

- Have there been patients asking for the self-sampling option?
 - Are there particular patient population groups who have asked for the self-sampling option? Can you explain that to me?
- Have there been any changes in the number of patients participating in cervical cancer screening programs? (Ask for before and after) Can you explain that to me?
- What ratio of patients undergo the self-sampling option as opposed to clinician-collected?
- Have there been any changes in the demographics of patients participating in cervical cancer screening programs? Can you explain that to me?

Overall

- Based on your experiences so far, what is your overall opinion of the new self-sampling option?
- Based on your experiences so far, what is your overall opinion of the renewed national cervical screening program?

Questions for GPs with no direct experience with self-sampling:

Introduction

- Role
- Number of years performing cervical screening in community (location specific)

The revised NCSP

- What changes have you noticed with the introduction of the renewed national cervical screening program?
- What changes have you noticed with the introduction of the new Self-Sampling program?
- Have you had any direct experience with the self-sampling option in the current guidelines?

Implementation

- Are there particular population groups that you would particularly offer self-sampling to?
- What difficulties do you think you might encounter introducing the self-sampling option to patients?
- What difficulties do you think you might encounter in educating patients about the self-sampling collection process?
- What benefits do you think you might encounter with the self-sampling option?
- In your opinion, how do you think patients would feel about the self-sampling option?
- Do you think that self-sampling is an effective way to screen for cervical cancer? Please explain.

Patient

- Have you had any patients asking for the self-sampling option?
- Are there particular patient population groups who you think would ask for the self-sampling option? Who might those be?
- In your opinion, how would the self-sampling option affect the number of patients participating in cervical cancer screening programs?
- What other changes to participation in cervical cancer screening programs might occur with the self-sampling option?

Overall

- Based on your experiences so far, what is your overall opinion of the new self-sampling option?
- Based on your experiences so far, what is your overall opinion of the renewed national cervical screening program?