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**Re:** Cervical Screening by Public Health - Transition in North Zone

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Over the next several months, Public Health Nurses (PHNs) who provide cervical cancer screening to clients in your community will be contacting you to discuss cooperative arrangements for ordering this testing. In North Zone communities that require support of PHNs trained in cervical screening, PHNs will transition from using the Prac IDs of the Medical Officers of Health, to local physicians who wish to participate in this program. The expected benefit of this transition is to expedite the follow-up care required for patients with non-negative results.

We look forward to working with you through this transition, which will begin in NZ Service Area 1 (High Level and LaCrete area), and then be rolled out to the entire North Zone.

Public Health Nurses follow the current provincial Towards Optimized Practice (TOP) Guidelines for Screening for Cervical Cancer: [http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/cpgs/?sid=2&cpg\\_cats=15](http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/cpgs/?sid=2&cpg_cats=15)

If you have any questions about this transition, please contact one of us at the coordinates below.

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<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/7082.asp>