CERVICAL SKILLS TRAINING
for Registered Health Care Professionals

Core Training

Information Sheet

Aim
To provide registered health care professionals with the knowledge and skills required to take a quality cervical sample and offer information and support in the event of an abnormal result.

Outcomes as per NHS Education Scotland (2013) recommendations. Following successful course completion participants will be able to:
  o Understand the principals and process of cervical screening and the role of the health professional
  o Apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to recognise features of a healthy cervix
  o Competence in taking a quality cervical sample
  o Understand and explain results and treatment pathways
  o Awareness and implications of HPV and genital conditions.
  o Awareness of vulnerable population and differing health beliefs
  o Use SCCRS effectively to support and enhance best practice
  o Self evaluate and audit own performance

Pre-course requirements
Participants must have:
  1. Supervisor (see attached information page)
  2. Email
  3. SCCRS: login and password (see attached information page)
  4. Ability to attend 1 session at colposcopy

Course requirements
  1. Attend 1 full day training
  2. Attend 1 session at colposcopy
  3. Achieve 20 satisfactory cervical samples under the guidance of supervisor
  4. Complete competency workbook within 3 months, or reasonable timescale.
As part of the 1 day course you are required to have a supervisor.

**Supervisor**

Supervisors must be competent in all aspects of smear taking.

Supervisors must have undertaken a recognised programme of learning on cervical sampling, and demonstrate personal knowledge and competencies in sample taking and undertaken an update training in the last three years.

Supervisors should be fully cognisant with the course requirements and be proficient in assessing the participant’s educational needs with regard to cervical sampling.

Supervisor should be experienced in cervical cytology and is a current smear taker within clinical practice.

Supervisor is expected to:

- Support and provide guidance for the student
- Directly supervise 15 cervical samples
- Indirectly supervise 5 cervical samples
- Access competence re use and understanding of SCCRS
- Access competence and understanding of processing cervical samples, results and patient outcomes.
- Sign off Competency Workbook

Contract of agreement with supervisor: this is an important commitment which will ensure that you are given time and support to complete the competencies. **Once you have registered for this course, please secure a supervisor.**

If you are having difficulties finding a supervisor then please contact:

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As part of the 1 day course you are required to have the following prior to attendance:

1. Basic knowledge of Scottish Cervical Call recall System (SCCRS) application
2. Understand and have the ability to use SCCR5 appropriately
3. Personal Login/Password

The information below should help you attain the above.

1. Basic knowledge of SCCR5 application
2. Understand and have the ability to use SCCR5 appropriately

This can be achieved through ‘in house’ training by a colleague who is experienced in using SCCR5 application. This expert user should be able to teach and demonstrate the application to allow you to gain competence. Alternatively, you can email the GP Mentoring Team to attend classroom training or contact the Screening Department who are based at Templeton. The Screening Department can offer advice about the SCCR5 application as well as answer any cervical programme queries.

If you are unsure who to contact to arrange in house training, please contact your line manager.

3. Personal Login/Password/Queries

To arrange for an account to be set up, please log a call with your IT helpdesk. If you have a query, please log a call and someone will get back to you.