

Frequently asked questions

About the Cervical Cytology Registry

The Cervical Cytology Registry (CCR) is part of the Western Australian Cervical Cancer Prevention Program (WACCPP). The CCR is a confidential computerised database of West Australian women's Pap smear and cervical biopsy results.

The CCR serves as a '**safety net**' for all women by:

- Sending a reminder letter if Pap smears or follow - up are overdue
- Keeping a confidential history of results
- Ensuring abnormal results are followed up
- Assisting in improving the care of women who have serious changes detected in their smears

The CCR provides, upon request, screening histories to laboratories and health care providers to help with the accurate reporting and follow-up of smears. In addition, the CCR also provides laboratories with quantitative data to assist with their quality assurance programs.

The CCR was established in 1992 because of convincing evidence that an organised program is the most effective way to reduce cervical cancer. Through its encouragement of women to have regular Pap smears, the CCR assists maintaining and increasing the screening rate for women throughout the State. The CCR also helps to improve our understanding of cancer of the cervix and its treatment through its data collection, monitoring and evaluation of the screening program by working collaboratively with the Recruitment branch of the WACCPP and with a variety of other interested bodies State-wide.

Note: As part of the National Screening Program the CCR generates statistical reports to enable national and global analysis of the State's screening program and allows the strategic planning for future targeted initiatives.

Not for registry (NFR) patients

As registration with the CCR is voluntary, all WA women have the right to "opt-off". This issue should be discussed with your patient at the time of consultation. Should the woman decide not to have her smear results forwarded to the CCR please use the stickers provided by the CCR to all care providers (*link to contacts to request stickers*) or clearly mark "NFR" on the request form to ensure the laboratory staff are fully aware the result should not be reported. branch of the WACCPP.