**TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH STAFF**

**PAP SMEAR ABNORMALITIES**

Pap smear screening is indicated only for students ≥ 21 years of age. Note that the recommendations below apply only to women 21 to 24 years of age. Authorized health and wellness staff may arrange for follow-up of Pap smear abnormalities as follows:

* Students with a normal Pap smear, with endocervical cells present, should have a Pap smear repeated every three years.
* Students with a Pap smear demonstrating absent endocervical cells, inadequate cellularity, or obscuring artifact should have a Pap smear repeated in 2-4 months to obtain an adequate specimen.
* Students with a Pap smear demonstrating inflammation should be evaluated for infection and treated as indicated by the results of testing.
* Students with a Pap smear demonstrating atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (ASC-US) should have a Pap smear repeated in 12 months.
* Students with a Pap smear demonstrating Low-grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions (LSIL) should have a Pap smear repeated in 12 months.
* Students with a Pap smear demonstrating High-grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions (HSIL) should be referred for colposcopy.
* Reflex HPV testing is not indicated in this age group.

**WHEN TO REFER TO THE CENTER PHYSICIAN**

* All students in need of colposcopy
* If the student has questions about her Pap smear abnormalities and the indications for follow-up
* If the student has questions or anxiety about her colposcopy referral
* If a student under 21 years of age has HIV infection or an abnormal Pap result from the past

**Reference:** 2012 Updated Consensus Guidelines for the Management of Abnormal Cervical Cancer Screening Tests and Cancer Precursors

<http://www.asccp.org/Guidelines-2/Management-Guidelines-2>