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Change in HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Testing

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Effective immediately, the Microbiology & Molecular Pathology Laboratory in Marshfield will require any sample submitted for HPV testing to be screened and deemed to have adequate cellularity prior to testing. Due to this change, the following should be noted:

- The turn-around-time for an HPV test ordered alongside a PAP, will now be 1-3 business days from arrival into the lab.
- The HPV result will no longer be added to the cytology result.
- Only samples that also have a PAP performed on the same sample will be accepted. Therefore, the HPV-ONL and HPV w/HPV Genotyping test codes are no longer available for order by providers.
 - These test codes will be maintained as Lab Order Only tests if an add-on test is requested.
 - Thin prep samples are suitable for testing up to 28 days after collection, so this testing can be added after the PAP results are received.
- For HPV testing that is requested without a concurrent PAP, a send out is available. These tests should be ordered as a MISC and the test will be ordered through our processing department.