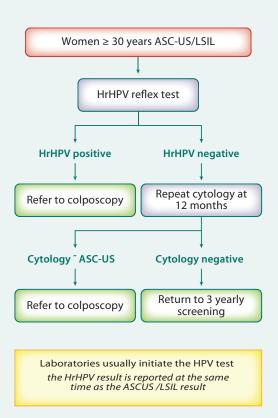
## **HPV Testing Guidelines** Guidelines currently recommend HrHPV testing in the following three clinical situations:

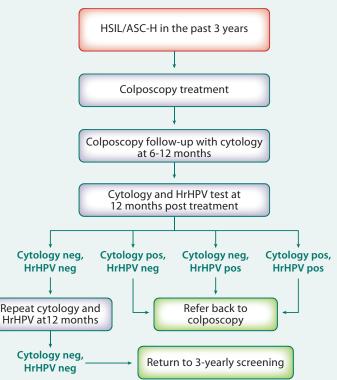
Triage of women 30 years and older with ASC-US or low-grade changes (who have not had an abnormal smear within the last 5 years)<sup>1</sup>



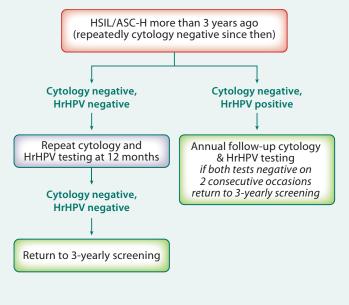
Women (all ages) treated for a high-grade lesion, to help assess whether the lesion has been completely resolved <sup>2</sup>

The smear taker usually initiates the HPV test

HrHPV testing of women with a previous high grade lesion following colposcopy within the last 3 years †



HrHPV testing of women with a high grade lesion more than 3 years previously, with subsequent repeated negative cytology tests (historical testing) ‡



- † NB. HrHPV negative, cytology ASCUS/LSIL, as per Flowchart 2, Guidelines for Cervical Screening in New Zealand, p 24
- Cytology positive HRPV Negative at any stage, refer to colposcopy, dependent on cytology result, as per Flowchart 2, Guidelines for Cervical Screening in New Zealand, p 24
  - Refer to colposcopy for any clinical concern

Post colposcopy management of women with discordant results: eg high-grade cytology and negative, satisfactory colposcopy

Where findings on colposcopy/histology are negative or show low-grade changes only and the discordance persists following case review, HrHPV testing can be a useful adjunct to further management. Management is decided at a Multi Disciplinary Meeting (MDM).

The Colposcopists usually initiate the HPV test

- From Guidelines for Cervical Screening in New Zealand, published by the National Screening Unit, Ministry of Health, August 2008
- 2. From Guidelines for Cervical Screening in New Zealand, Update 1: April 2010, published by the National Screening Unit, Ministry of Health, August 2010

