

ASCCP Test

At the conclusion of the refresher course (April 11), a Colposcopy Proficiency Exam sponsored by the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP) will be offered. Participation is open to those taking the refresher course and to any interested graduate of the IHS Colposcopy Program. The exam includes multiple choice questions testing cognitive knowledge and slide-based questions of colposcopic findings and diagnosis. The test is an evaluation of basic colposcopic competence. Upon achieving a passing grade, the colposcopist will be awarded a certificate of colposcopic proficiency by the ASCCP.

Why take the test?

- ◆ Self Assessment.
- ◆ Recognition by national colposcopy society.
- ◆ Those who pass the test and complete the IHS Colposcopy Program will be recommended for unrestricted colposcopy privileges.
- ◆ Those who pass and complete a preceptorship of at least 25 exams, three or more of which have been high grade may serve as mentors in the ASCCP Mentorship Program. Those who wish to be IHS preceptors are encouraged to participate.

Does the test cost extra?

- ◆ The exam costs \$125. The IHS Epidemiology Program will pick up this cost for IHS colposcopists and course participants. Please note that this is different from the cost of tuition for the Refresher workshop.

Please Note:

Providers from Self-Governance and "638" Tribes that have taken their IHS Cancer Program shares are encouraged to apply for the workshop, but will be charged tuition and will need to arrange and pay for their own travel expenses.

Tuition is waived for attendees from IHS facilities or those tribes who left their money with the IHS Cancer Program. IHS facilities need to arrange travel, but will be reimbursed.

Tuition Rates:

Basic - \$500.

Refresher - \$250.

Application:

For an application or more information, please contact Roberta Paisano at: (505) 248-4132 or through e-mail at: roberta.paisano@mail.ihs.gov

Deadline:

All applications should reach this office by March 20, 2001 to allow for processing of travel. However, selection will be on a first come, first served basis.

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Sponsored By:

- ◆ IHS National Epidemiology Program
- ◆ Centers for Disease Control
- ◆ IHS Clinical Support Center

BASIC COLPOSCOPY (APRIL 8-11, 2002)

The IHS Basic Colposcopy Training Program is intended to prepare IHS primary care providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, & physician assistants) to use colposcopy in evaluation and treatment of women with intraepithelial neoplasia of the lower genital tract.

The training begins with a 3½ day comprehensive course which includes:

- ◆ lectures,
- ◆ small group discussions,
- ◆ hands-on with patient models, &
- ◆ live patient exams.

Selection will be based on:

- ◆ A provider's interest in women's health and an intent to remain at the Service Unit or tribal facility for at least two years after training is completed.
- ◆ Required prior arrangement with a referral colposcopist to act as a preceptor. Assistance with the preceptorship can be arranged with the IHS Cancer program.
- ◆ The SU having enough volume of abnormal Pap smears (at least low grade squamous intraepithelial lesions) to allow at least 50 colposcopies per year to maintain skills after training is complete.
- ◆ The SU having or being committed to purchasing a colposcope, cryosurgery unit, and several sets of biopsy instruments for cervical biopsy and endocervical curettage.

BASIC COLPOSCOPY CON'T.

To complete training, students are expected to follow the course with a preceptorship with an experienced colposcopist. Two preceptorship tracks are available:

1. Traditional IHS Track:

- ◆ At least 50 supervised exams, three or more of which must be high grade lesions.
- ◆ Preceptor qualification based on training and experience.
- ◆ On completion, privileges limited to low grade lesions with expanded privileges after additional training or experience.

2. ASCCP Mentorship Track:

- ◆ At least 25 exams, three or more of which must be high grade lesions.
- ◆ Preceptor must meet ASCCP qualifications, including specific training requirements and passage of ASCCP Colposcopy Proficiency Exam.
- ◆ On completion, full range of colposcopy privileges.



REFRESHER COLPOSCOPY (APRIL 9 - 11, 2002)

The Colposcopy Refresher workshop is designed as a review and update in the diagnosis/management of pre-invasive neoplasia of the female genital tract. The course is 2 days in length, beginning at 1:00 pm on the 9th and ending at 1:30 pm on the 11th. It is intended for colposcopists in IHS, urban, and tribal programs. Experienced colposcopists who don't see a large volume of high grade disease in their practice will benefit from this workshop. New colposcopists still in the preceptorship phase of their training will find the program an excellent way to reinforce their cognitive skills.

The format will include:

- ◆ lectures,
- ◆ case management discussions, &
- ◆ small group slide review sessions.

Course Objectives:

- ◆ enhance colpo skills and lesion identification, including CIN and invasive cancer,
- ◆ effectively evaluate and manage VIN/VAIN,
- ◆ recognize and manage benign vulvar dermatoses,
- ◆ understand the mechanisms of malignant transformation of HPV and the effects of HPV on the HIV+ patient
- ◆ understand the possible role of the new cervical cancer screening technologies in IHS and tribal practice settings,
- ◆ understand the management options for cytology reports of benign cellular changes, ASCUS, and AGUS.