

CANCER SCREENING AND CONTROL SERVICES

Cervical Cancer Prevention Program

TCCR now in operation

In 2007 the Cervical Cancer Prevention Program undertook a project to replace the 14 year old Tasmanian Cervical Cytology Register (TCCR).

The replacement TCCR database was implemented on 30 June 2008 as scheduled and data exchange with pathology laboratories has been operating since that time.

The new TCCR (Pap Smear Register) provides a secure and effective cervical cytology register with many enhancements, such as:

- Increased security and reliability with a dedicated server for the TCCR hosted and maintained by DHHS Information Services;
- A contemporary platform that offers opportunities for enhancements and adaptability as the National Cervical Screening Program continues to evolve;
- Improved functionality for enhanced auditing, reporting and quality database processing;
- More efficient data exchange with, and the new capability to capture electronic Histology reports and HPV DNA test results from laboratories; and
- Provision of electronic history of Pap smear and cervical cancer test results to facilitate clinician access to more comprehensive screening histories.

Implementation of the new TCCR has not been without its challenges for both Registry and laboratory staff. TCCR staff and the system developers in collaboration with laboratory staff have worked to resolve issues as they have been identified.

The TCCR Project Team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their patience and perseverance and for their valued contribution and commitment to ensure Tasmania has a Cervical Cytology Register able to meet the needs of health care providers and their patients – the women of Tasmania.