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Improving Follow-up Abnormal Cervical Cancer Screening (G0813RS)

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Abstract

Abnormal pap smears present a major public health challenge to determine which women with cervical changes are at risk for cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is highly curable if diagnosed early. Algorithms for the 2006 Consensus Guidelines for Management of Women with Abnormal Cervical Cancer Screening Tests have been recently published. There is little published evidence to-date regarding the prevalence of provider adherence to the relatively new guideline. This pilot study will determine the degree of guideline adherence in two Family Medicine offices with on-site colposcopy and EMRs- one serving urban African Americans and one suburban white. Once the retrospective review from 2006 – 2008 is complete, the clinicians involved will participate in a focus group to review practice self-assessment and to formulate potential strategies for practice change specific to the populations they serve. The extraction and focus group process is expected to lead to a publication and a 2nd pilot proposal submission by the end of the project year to test practice-change interventions planned by this proposal in preparation for larger practice based research network intervention studies.