

# Development of ASCCP Colposcopy Standards

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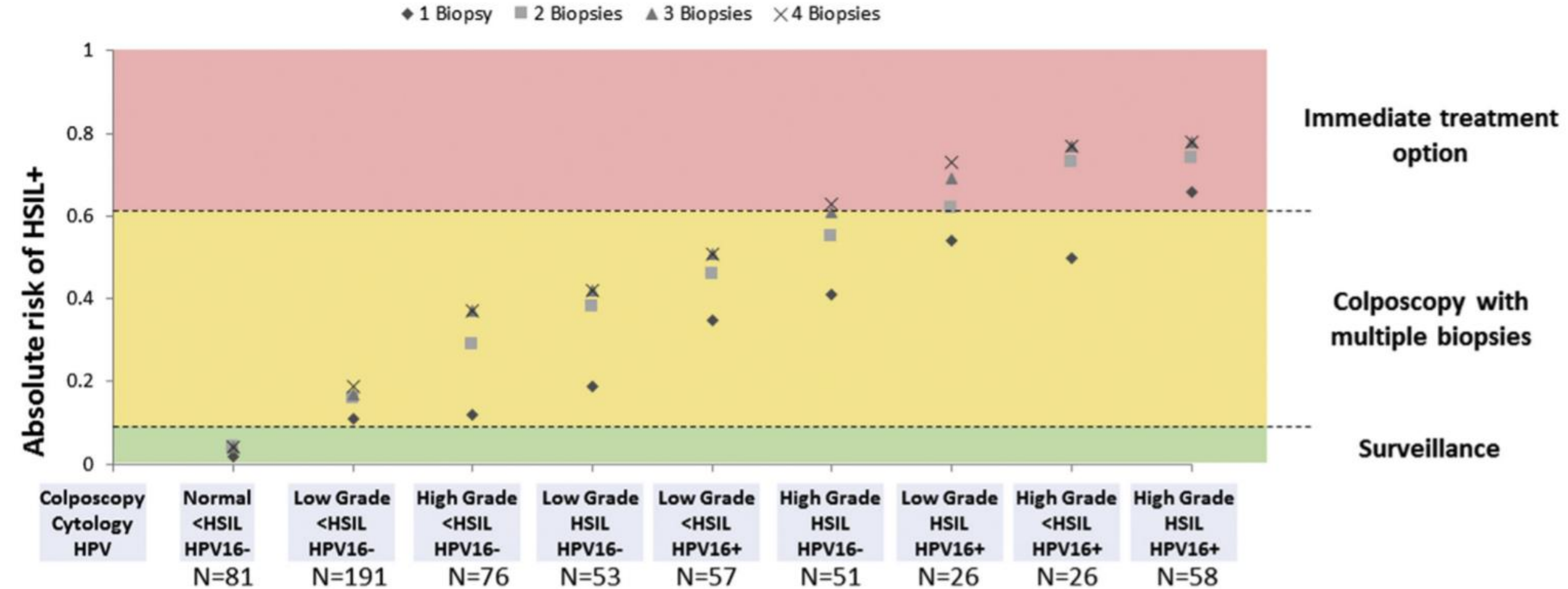
# Goals of the colposcopy standards effort

- Develop colposcopy standards for the US setting
- Evidence-based, expert consensus
- Focus on role of colposcopy in cervical cancer prevention
- Describe minimal standards and optimal approaches
- Emphasis on approaches that can be implemented in the current US setting while serving as foundation for future improvements
- Simplification: Clear message in training, wide outreach
- Harmonization with international standards as much as possible

# Evidence-based standards

- Literature search terms were provided centrally for all working groups
- Each working group organized review and data abstraction for their charges
- Some areas had very limited evidence, had to rely on expert opinion
- Survey to assess current state of practice among ASCCP members
- For some charges, additional systematic reviews and meta-analyses were conducted, including unpublished datasets

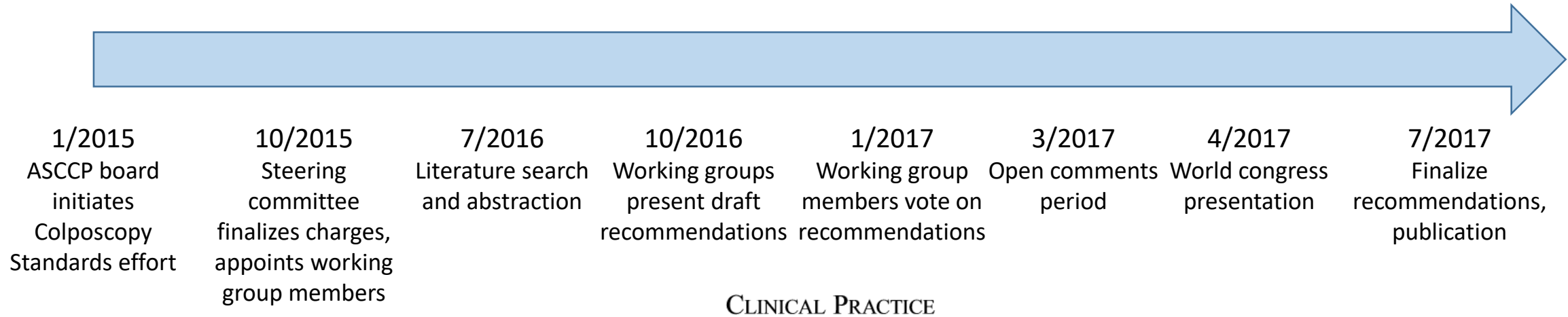
# Risk-based approach



# Guiding principles

- Balance precision and complexity
- Approaches need to be robust and reproducible
- Attempt to harmonize with international colposcopy programs (e.g. terminology, QC criteria)
- Dynamic process:
  - Some recommendations may need to be updated when screening practice, vaccination coverage change
  - Additional topics will be addressed in the future (e.g. ECC, extracervical colposcopy)

# ASCCP Colposcopy Standards Timeline



CLINICAL PRACTICE

## Evidence-Based Consensus Recommendations for Colposcopy Practice for Cervical Cancer Prevention in the United States

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# Implementation

- ASCCP teaching
- Comprehensive colposcopy courses
- Integration of new terminology, approaches, and quality indicators in electronic medical records (EMRs)
- Evaluation of quality indicators



# Colposcopy standards working groups

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