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### **Consensus Organizations Ratify ASCCP Risk-Based Management Consensus Guidelines**

Baltimore, MD – New guidelines for the clinical management of abnormal cervical cancer screening results were ratified by voting members of a consensus group convened by ASCCP, including over 50 clinicians, patient advocates, and other experts in cervical cancer, representing 19 organizations. The ratified guidelines reflect feedback collected from over 200 individuals or organizations that participated in the public comment period, which closed September 1, 2019; over 1,000 individual comments were submitted on 18 questions.

In the coming months, the ASCCP Risk-Based Management Consensus Guidelines will be published as an open-access scientific manuscript and incorporated into an electronic application. These evidence-based guidelines are based on reviews of all current data in the United States, across racial and ethnic populations. They are applicable to all patients in the U.S. regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identification, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

The goals of the guidelines are to increase accuracy and reduce complexity of clinical management. The body of research informing these guidelines demonstrated differences in risk of progression to pre-cancer based on prior screening history, and specific screening results. Using this research, the guidelines Working Groups developed risk assessments to allow clinicians to better triage those likely to develop pre-cancer in the next five years. The risk assessments and resulting Clinical Action Thresholds recommend which patients require expedited treatment, further workup, or surveillance, as well as those who may return safely to routine screening.

The consensus Communications Work Group is developing educational materials to address dissemination and adoption of the new guidelines.

For more information, visit [www.asccp.org/guidelines](http://www.asccp.org/guidelines).