

A microscopic image showing numerous spherical, reddish-brown HPV particles against a dark blue background. The particles have a textured, granular surface.

Molecular detection of HPV EQA

This scheme is designed for clinical laboratories screening for the presence of high risk human papillomavirus (HPV)

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EQA for laboratories determining the presence of high risk genotypes of HPV in endo-cervical specimens.

Participants are required to detect the presence (positive) or absence (negative) of high risk HPV genotypes from liquid based cytology fluid. Each specimen can contain more than one type of high risk HPV genotype as well as other low and medium risk HPV genotypes.

- ✓ The high risk HPV genotypes include: 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59 and 68
- ✓ Three distributions containing four cervical cell specimens collected in PreservCyt medium or cervical cell line material per UK financial year
- ✓ Participants can report results from 3 different methods per distribution
- ✓ Country-specific performance analysis available for countries with greater than 10 participants
- ✓ Three week period for examination and reporting results
- ✓ Helps identify performance issues in a prompt manner
- ✓ Scheme supported by qualified and experienced professionals
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ Repeat specimens available (free of charge) for EQA failure investigation
- ✓ Intended results will appear on our website www.ukneqasmicro.org.uk/ the day after the closing date and reports will be issued within 20 working days
- ✓ Accredited in accordance with **ISO/IEC 17043:2010**

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