



Department of Pathology *Te Tari Mātauraka Mate*

PRESENTS

Special Seminar:

He Tapu Te Whare Tangata – Reaching under-screened/never-screened indigenous peoples with HPV self-testing: a community-based cluster randomised controlled trial



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Māori women experience inequities in cervical cancer incidence and mortality. Increasing cervical screening coverage could ultimately decrease these inequities. Our aim is to increase cervical screening for under/never-screened Māori women. This study was a cluster randomised controlled trial. Inclusion criteria were women aged 25-69, last screened ≥ 4 years ago, in Northland. The intervention arm was offer of an HPV self-test and the control arm was usual offer of standard care – a cervical smear. The primary outcome was rate of cervical screening in intervention group compared to control in Māori. Six primary care clinics were randomly allocated to intervention or control. Our team will present a body of work on HPV self-testing - He Tapu Te Whare Tangata: The sacred house of humanity. As well as presenting the results of the RCT, we will discuss earlier work funded by the Ministry of Health, which involved talking to under/never-screened Māori women about their views of and preferences for HPV self-testing, and what the future holds for HPV self-testing and the National Cervical Screening Programme in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

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