



**For laboratories subject to US regulations that perform gynecologic cytopathology, the laboratory participates in the educational component of the CAP Gynecologic Cytology PT Program (PAP PT) or another educational peer-comparison program in gynecologic cytopathology.**

*NOTE: Interlaboratory comparison programs in cytopathology provide valuable educational opportunities for peer performance comparisons in both technical and diagnostic arenas. While not completely emulating cervicovaginal cytopathologic preparation and interpretation, participation in the PAP program enables a laboratory to compare its performance to benchmarks derived from a database of peer laboratories.*

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Records of enrollment and participation in the educational component of the CAP PAP PT program **OR**
- ✓ Records of enrollment and participation in another educational gynecologic cytopathology peer-comparison program **OR**
- ✓ Records for participation in a laboratory-developed program by circulating gynecologic case material with other laboratories

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**CYP.00170 Educational Participation - Gynecologic Cytopathology**

**Phase II**



**For laboratories not subject to US regulations that perform gynecologic cytopathology, the laboratory participates in the educational component of the CAP PAP Education Program or another interlaboratory peer-comparison educational program in gynecologic cytopathology.**

*NOTE: Participation in the PAP Education program enables a laboratory to compare its performance to benchmarks derived from a national database of peer laboratories.*

**Evidence of Compliance:**

- ✓ Records of enrollment and participation in the educational component of the CAP PAP PT program **OR**
- ✓ Records of enrollment and participation in another educational gynecologic cytopathology peer-comparison program **OR**
- ✓ Records for participation in a laboratory-developed program by circulating gynecologic case material with other laboratories

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