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## 2011 IFCPC Nomenclature<sup>1</sup>

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### 2011 IFCPC colposcopic terminology of the cervix<sup>1</sup>

<b>General assessment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adequate/inadequate for the reason ... (i.e.: cervix obscured by inflammation, bleeding, scar)</li><li>Squamo-columnar Junction visibility: completely visible, partially visible, not visible</li><li>Transformation zone types 1,2,3</li></ul>	
<b>Normal colposcopic findings</b>		Original squamous epithelium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mature</li><li>Atrophic</li></ul> Columnar epithelium <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ectopy</li></ul> Metaplastic squamous epithelium <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nabothian cysts</li><li>Crypt (gland) openings</li></ul> Deciduosis in pregnancy	
<b>Abnormal colposcopic findings</b>	<b>General principles</b>	<b>Location of the lesion:</b> Inside or outside the T-zone, <b>Location of the lesion by clock position</b> <b>Size of the lesion:</b> Number of cervical quadrants the lesion covers, <b>Size of the lesion in percentage of cervix,</b>	
	<b>Grade 1 (Minor)</b>	Thin aceto-white epithelium Irregular, geographic border	Fine mosaic, Fine punctuation
	<b>Grade 2 (Major)</b>	Dense aceto-white epithelium, Rapid appearance of acetowhitening, Cuffed crypt (gland) openings	Coarse mosaic, Coarse punctuation, Sharp border, Inner border sign, Ridge sign
	<b>Non specific</b>	Leukoplakia (keratosis, hyperkeratosis), Erosion Lugol's staining (Schiller's test): stained/non-stained	
<b>Suspicious for invasion</b>		Atypical vessels <b>Additional signs:</b> Fragile vessels, Irregular surface, Exophytic lesion, Necrosis, Ulceration (necrotic), tumor/gross neoplasm	
<b>Miscellaneous finding</b>		Congenital transformation zone, Condyloma, Polyp (Ectocervical/ endocervical) Inflammation,	Stenosis, Congenital anomaly, Post treatment consequence, Endometriosis

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<b>Excision treatment types</b>	<b>Excision type 1,2,3</b>
<b>Excision specimen dimensions</b>	<b>Length</b> - the distance from the distal/external margin to the proximal/internal margin  <b>Thickness</b> - the distance from the stromal margin to the surface of the excised specimen.  <b>Circumference (Optional)</b> - the perimeter of the excised specimen

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2011 IFCPC clinical/colposcopic terminology of the <b>vagina</b> <sup>1</sup>		
<b>General assessment</b>	Adequate/inadequate for the reason (i.e: inflammation, bleeding, scar) Transformation zone	
<b>Normal colposcopic findings</b>	Squamous epithelium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mature</li> <li>• Atrophic</li> </ul>	
<b>Abnormal colposcopic findings</b>	<b>General principles</b>	Upper third /lower 2 thirds, Anterior/posterior/lateral (right or left),
	<b>Grade 1 (Minor)</b>	Thin aceto-white epithelium Fine punctuation Fine mosaic
	<b>Grade 2 (Major)</b>	Dense aceto-white epithelium, Coarse punctuation Coarse mosaic
	<b>Suspicious for invasion</b>	Atypical vessels <b>Additional signs:</b> Fragile vessels, Irregular surface, Exophytic lesion, Necrosis, Ulceration (necrotic), tumor/gross neoplasm
	<b>Non-specific</b>	Columnar epithelium (adenosis) Lesion staining by Lugol's solution (Schiller's test): Stained/non-stained, Leukoplakia
<b>Miscellaneous findings</b>	Erosion (traumatic), condyloma, polyp, cyst, endometriosis, inflammation, Vaginal stenosis, Congenital transformation zone	

The IFCPC clinical and colposcopic terminology for the vulva is pending.

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