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JOINT SGOP-PSCPC CONSENSUS STATEMENTS ON CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

During this COVID 19 Pandemic, when the balance between the health of the patients and safety of the health care workers is of utmost priority, the following are the recommendations of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of the Philippines (SGOP) and the Philippine Society of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy (PSCPC) with regard cervical cancer screening:

1. Routine cervical cancer screening, i.e. pap smear, visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA), HPV testing or co-testing, should be postponed until after the pandemic has been completely controlled, the community quarantine has been lifted and provisions for safe clinic consults are in place.
2. Management of cervical pre-malignant diseases may be delayed as follows:
 - a. Women with LSIL result on pap smear may postpone diagnostic evaluation up to 6-12 months.
 - b. Women with HSIL result on pap smear may have diagnostic evaluation within 3 months.
 - c. Women with high-grade premalignant cervical disease (CIN 2,3 or HSIL on biopsy) should have the appropriate procedure done within 3 months.
 - d. Women with suspected invasive disease should be managed within 1 month from the time of diagnosis.

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