

# CERVICAL SCREENING SELF-COLLECTION QI

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The National Cervical Screening Program seeks to reduce cervical cancer cases and deaths. Self-collection improves participation by addressing barriers and expanding access, especially for hard-to-reach groups.

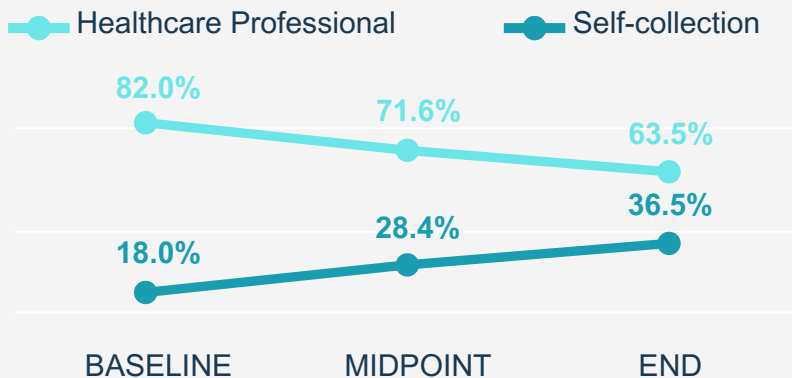
This activity aimed to boost the uptake of cervical screening tests through self-collection within Gold Coast general practices.



**5 of 9 participating practices** had a GP completing a Clinical Audit titled *Optimising Self-collected Cervical Screening in Eligible Practice Patients*.



## Proportion of cervical screening tests by method (9 participating practices)



Proportion of tests completed through self-collection more than doubled from baseline, surpassing national (33.8%) and Queensland (30.8%) averages as at mid-2024.

Communication strategy used to inform health professionals and consumers about cervical screening self-collection and the NCSR.

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**3 additional practices** integrated with the NCSR.

Driven by the uptake of self-collection tests, the average number of tests per month increased by

**138.8%**



Participants felt more confident in using QI resources and data for improvement.

GPs reported making or planning changes to their practice after the clinical audit. One GP stated:

“Nurses to complete a check of cervical screening during our new patients appointment.”

