

# Press Release



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## **DCL first in Midwest to perform FDA approved HPV Genotyping**

DCL Medical Laboratories is now able to offer an FDA approved HPV 16/18 genotyping option for our clients. DCL is the first laboratory in the Midwest to offer this assay, which individually identifies and differentiates the high-risk HPV types associated with approximately 70% of cervical cancer.

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is one of the most common sexually transmitted infectious pathogens. While there are more than 50 HPV genotypes, only a small number of subtypes have been linked to a causative source of cervical cancer, more commonly known as High Risk HPV. Of these subtypes, 16 and 18 have been found to be highly prevalent and more likely to result in cancer than other high risk types.

Based on studies reported in 2006, the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP) determined that in cytology negative women, age 30 and older, who are HPV high-risk positive, further clarification of HPV 16/18 genotype status would be clinically useful for triage of patients between recommendation for colposcopy and those who could wait for repeat cytology and high-risk HPV testing in 12 months.

“We are excited to give physicians this additional tool for managing patient care,” said Dr. Carol Eisenhut, DCL’s Medical Director. “HPV 16/18 Genotyping gives additional direction for HPV high risk positive and Pap negative patients and may save some from unneeded colposcopy.”

### **About DCL Medical Laboratories**

DCL Medical Laboratories, founded in 1984, has expanded from a fine needle biopsy clinic and cytology laboratory to a full-service regional laboratory with operations across the Midwest. DCL strives to provide innovative solutions, particularly in the area of women’s health. In addition, DCL provides anatomic pathology services in global clinical trials for both pharmaceutical and medical device companies in partnership with the world’s largest central laboratories and clinical research organizations.