

ON-LINE CERTIFICATION PLATFORM FOR COLPOSCOPISTS ENGAGED IN CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMME IN POLAND



EUROGIN
INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY HPV CONGRESS

FEB.
8-11
2023



Maria Skłodowska-Curie

**National Research
Institute of Oncology**

Jankun J¹, Szczesna A¹, Lucyszyn A¹, Macios A^{1,2}, Nowakowski A¹

¹Department of Cancer Prevention, The Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology, Warsaw, Poland

²Doctoral School of Translational Medicine, Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education, Warsaw, Poland

BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVES:

Coverage and quality at each step of cervical cancer screening are the most important factors determining its effectiveness. In the last decade substantial progress has been made in quality assurance (QA) of colposcopy in many parts of the world. **Certification may be a part of a comprehensive QA process in colposcopy.** Here we present a description of an on-line certification platform for colposcopists working in CC screening in Poland and initial results from its roll-out phase.

METHODS:

Each year new set of single-choice questions based on cases including colpophotograms and clinical data, selected and agreed on by country-renowned experts in colposcopy are implemented into the platform. Colposcopists log into the platform and answer randomly presented questions within seven days without the possibility to reevaluate already answered questions. By now, **two editions were performed, in 2020 and 2021.** The platform also contains an educational part consisting of cases e.g. from previous editions. Participation is voluntary but **will be obligatory from 2025 for all colposcopists working in the screening programme in Poland.**

RESULTS:

8 and 26 colposcopists undertook voluntary certification in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

Edition	Score		
	Min.	Max.	Average
2020	41,47 %	85,10 %	59,16 %
2021	44,03 %	81,27 %	70,73 %

CONCLUSIONS:

The use of an on-line certification platform for colposcopists is feasible in Poland as a part of the QA process. Obligatory participation should result in a full up-take of the platform among colposcopists who wish to work in the screening program. Because certification results below 50% occur, continuous training of colposcopists is required. **Comparing results from certification platform with real-life colposcopy performance indicators in the screening program will make it possible to find out whether certification scores correlate with clinical performance.**

Pytanie 10

K 10
Wiek 29, nie rodziła
Cytologia LSIL, HR HPV dodatni (nie 16/18), kłykciny na sromie

fol. 1 z 6

Po założeniu wziernika

Właściwym postępowaniem w prezentowanym przypadku klinicznym będzie:

- Kotest za 12 miesięcy.
- CINtec Plus.
- Leczenie destrukcyjne.
- Biopsje celowane ze zmian na tarczy i pobranie materiału z kanału szyjki.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

AUTHORS DECLARE NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST RELEVANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

FUNDING:

PROJECT WAS FINANCED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH THROUGH THE NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAMME WITHIN THE OBJECTIVE OF COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF QUALITY OF SCREENING.

CONTACT: ANETA.SZCZESNA@PIB-NIO.PL, JULIA.JANKUN@PIB-NIO.PL