

2002 alpha RESOLUTION NO. A02 - 4

TITLE: Mandatory Cervical Screening Test Reporting

SPONSOR: Regional Municipality of Durham

WHEREAS cervical cancer is a leading cause of death in women; and

WHEREAS there is emerging medical evidence that links the presence of human papilloma virus with the progression of mild cervical abnormalities to invasive cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS cervical cancer deaths are preventable through regular Pap smear and confirmatory testing; and

WHEREAS effective cervical cancer control is best accomplished through an organized province-wide cervical screening program; and

WHEREAS Cancer Care Ontario has developed and administers the Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP); and

WHEREAS the OSCP has financed the development of CytoBase, a software program designed to support the establishment of cervical cancer registry; and

WHEREAS an effective cervical cancer registry requires the accurate and complete reporting of all Pap smear, colposcopy and biopsy test results; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba has recently completed the implementation of a cervical cancer registry using CytoBase; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba has also amended the *Diseases and Dead Bodies Regulation* under the *Public Health Act* such that laboratory operators and colposcopists are required to file reports on cervical cancer screening to the medical director of the Manitoba Cervical Cancer Screening Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alpha) urges the Government of Ontario to amend the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and the regulations thereunder such that laboratory operators and colposcopists are required to file reports on cervical cancer screening to the appropriate person employed by Cancer Care Ontario;

AND FURTHER that alpha urges the Government of Ontario to work with alpha and other key stakeholders to investigate and advance the mandatory reporting, under the authority of *the Health Protection and Promotion Act*, of other non-communicable diseases.

Action from Conference:

Moved: R. Kyle (Durham)

Seconded: A. Hukowich (Haliburton, Kawartha)

Carried