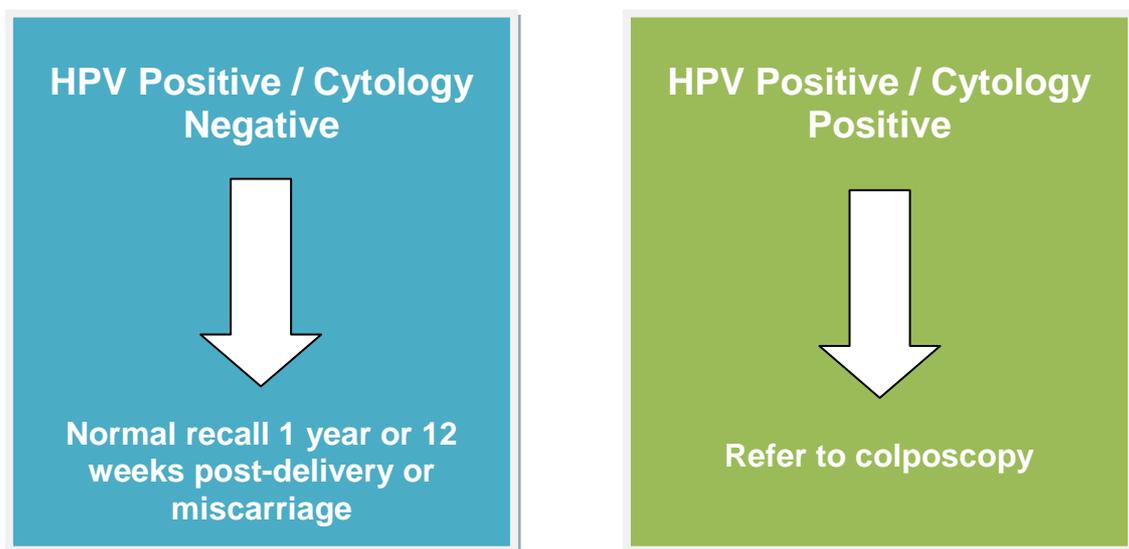


Guidance Note 4

Cervical Screening in relation to pregnancy / breastfeeding / miscarriage

- Women with a negative screening history or women who have never been screened may defer their cervical screening test until they are **(3)** three months post-natal.
- If a previous screening test was abnormal and in the interim the woman becomes pregnant, then please use the algorithm below to guide practice.

HPV doesn't affect pregnancy outcome



- If the woman has received a 'refer to colposcopy' recommendation **and is now pregnant**, she should always be referred to colposcopy and she should be encouraged to attend her appointment.
 - If a woman has had a miscarriage and is due a screening test, it is advisable to delay the screening test until **3** three months after the miscarriage.
 - If the woman is breastfeeding and is due a screening test, wait until she is **3** months post-natal.
 - A woman does not require a screening test when she is postnatal unless she is due to have a screening test within her call, re-call recommendations.
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