

This document answers frequently asked questions about cancer screening status reports.

Cancer screening information in one complete report in Alberta Netcare

A Cancer Screening Status Report is now available within the Alberta Netcare Portal. This easy to access report indicates at a glance if a female patient is due for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening or follow-up, and if a male patient is due for colorectal cancer screening or follow-up.

Netcare users will be able to view their patients' cancer screening status in a single report. This report is a clinical decision support tool, intended to assist healthcare providers in determining what, if any, action needs to be taken to get their patients up to date on cancer screening, in accordance with the Alberta Clinical Practice Guidelines.



Alberta Cancer Screening Programs

Screening Status for Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer

(Report Date: 07-Mar-2017)

SMITH, Sally Mary	Age:	54 years
	Date of Birth:	21-Mar-1963
	Gender:	Female
	Alberta Unique Lifetime Identifier:	123456789

Type	Last Screen Type	Date of Last Exam*	Result of Last Exam	Status	Qualifier
Breast	Mammogram	20-May-2012	Normal	Due for screening	As per recommendation of last exam
Cervical	Screening Pap Test	01-May-2012	Abnormal	Follow-up as clinically indicated	Due for repeat Pap or referral as appropriate. Please refer to Alberta TOP Clinical Practice Guidelines to determine treatment status of patient.
Colorectal	FIT	03-Jun-2016	Normal	Up-to-date	FIT every 1-2 years

Cervical Cancer Screening: Women with a history of hysterectomy may appear on this report.

Colorectal Cancer Screening: At the current time, the Alberta Colorectal Cancer Screening Program does not capture information about screening colonoscopy or diagnostic follow up. The status in this report is based solely on the availability of FIT or FOBT test results, and a 2-year screening interval with FIT.

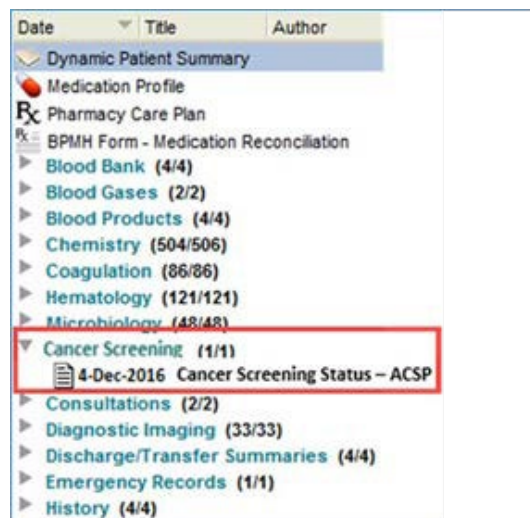
This report tracks patients active in the Alberta Cancer Screening Program (CSP) with the exception of a diagnosis of one of the above types of cancer, out of province and/or exempt. The status contained in this report does not replace clinical assessment and judgment based on individual history and the Alberta TOP Clinical Practice Guidelines (for a link to the guidelines, please refer to the Resources section of Netcare).

***Newer screening exams may be available in other areas of Netcare due to a delay in data sent to the CSP.**

Guideline for routine screening: Breast – Women 50-74 years, screening mammography every 2 years; Cervical – Women 25-69 years, Pap every 3 years; Colorectal – all genders 50-74 years, FIT every 1-2 years.

How do I access the records?

Click on the **Cancer Screening folder** in the clinical document viewer section of Netcare. Simply select the **Cancer Screening Status report** that appears in this folder to view the report. The folder will only appear if your patient is within the eligible population and has been assigned a screening status.



The report name in this folder has the acronym **ACSP**. ACSP stands for Alberta Cancer Screening Programs; these provide the reports to Netcare.

What Data will be available?

The Cancer Screening Status Report contains the following data:

- Date of report (i.e., date the current screening status of the patient is determined)
- Patient demographics
- Type of cancer screening for which the patient is eligible (breast, cervical and/or colorectal)
- Last exam on record (e.g., Pap test)
- Date of last exam on record
- Results of last exam (e.g., “Normal”)
- The person’s screening status (e.g., “Due for screening”)
- A qualifier to accompany the status (e.g., “Pap once every 3 years”)

Data is updated daily. An individual’s screening status is only updated in the Netcare report when there has been a change in the status (e.g., if a new

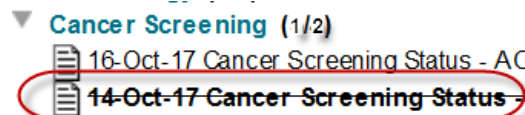
test result has been added, or if the patient has become due for their next screen test (the report will change to bold).

Canceled Reports

A report may sometimes need to be canceled in order to correct a patient’s cancer screening status. If one of the following conditions apply, the report will appear as a canceled report in Netcare:

- The patient was an Alberta resident at the time the status was assigned, but has since moved out of province.
- The patient’s age or gender has been corrected, resulting in a change in cancer screening status where the patient is no longer eligible for routine screening.
- A female patient has requested to be excluded from all three cancer screening programs.
- A male patient has requested to be excluded from the colorectal cancer screening program.

If any of the above conditions apply, the Cancer Screening Status Report will appear as a canceled report in Netcare. Conversely, if any of the conditions change after a report has been canceled, a new Cancer Screening Status Report will be attached to the patient’s record, as follows:



Who can access the reports?

End users who have been granted an Alberta Netcare permission level which allows viewing of transcribed reports can view the Cancer Screening Status Report.

For more information and resources related to the Cancer Screening Status Report, please visit the [Alberta Netcare Learning Centre](#).