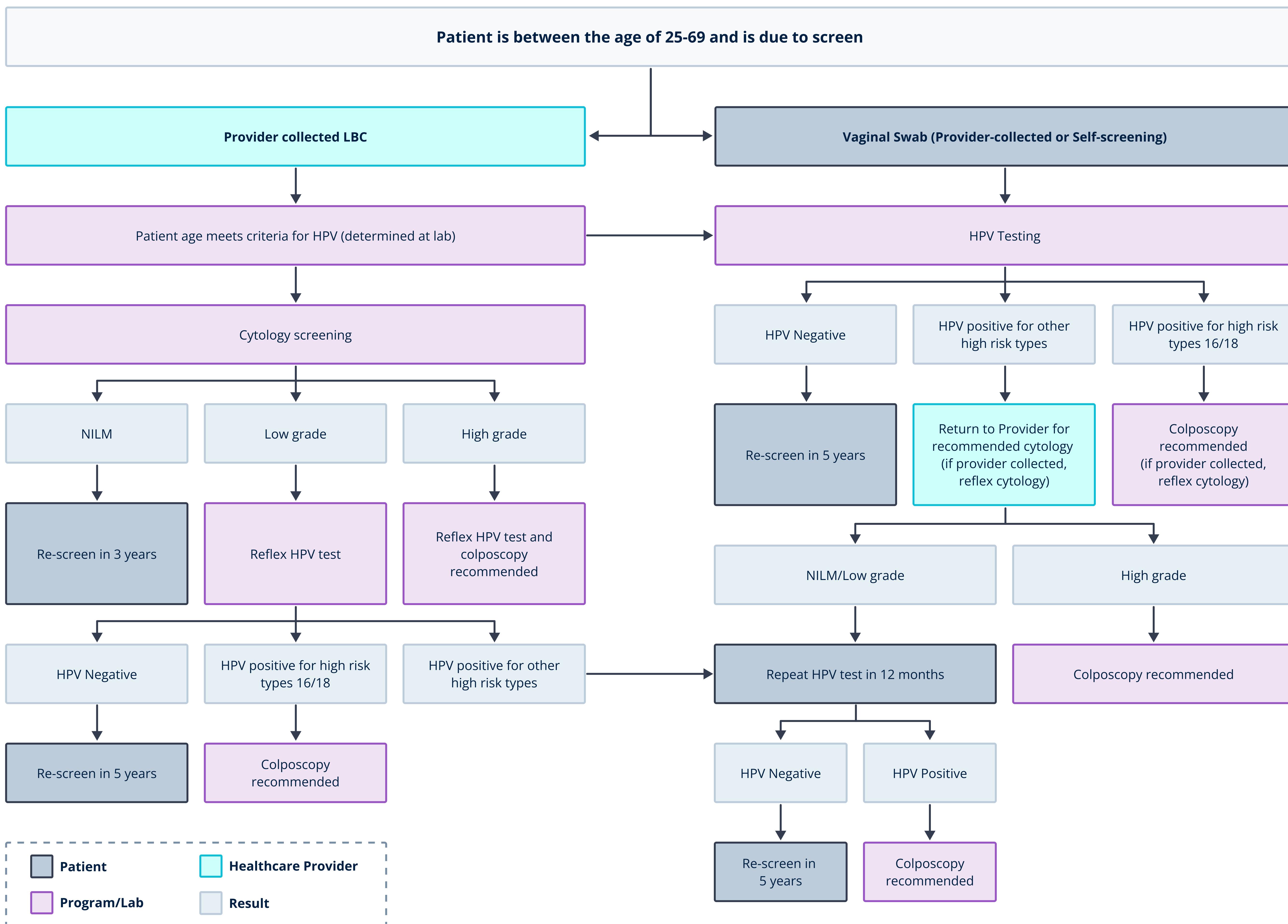


# BC Cancer Cervix Screening Algorithm



## Abbreviations and Definitions

- **HPV:** Human papillomavirus
- **HPV Test:** Tests for high-risk (oncogenic) HPV genotypes
- **Co-test:** When a LBC sample undergoes HPV and cytology testing
- **LBC:** Liquid-based Cytology. Cervical sample can be used for cytology, HPV testing or both
- **NILM:** Negative for Intraepithelial lesions or malignancy
- **Reflex Test:** When the result of the primary test necessitates secondary testing
  - E.g., Sample first assessed for HPV → HPV positive result → same sample sent for cytology assessment
- **Self Screening:** Vaginal sample undergoes HPV testing.

## Notes

- If colposcopy is indicated, the Cervix Screening Program will automatically refer the patient on behalf of the referring health care provider. Patients will receive a letter advising them that the results of their screening test indicate that further follow-up is needed and that they will be contracted by the colposcopy clinic to arrange an appointment.
- Refer to [BC Cancer](#) for more detailed information on screening program recommendations for patients who are immunocompromised, TTGD, after hysterectomy, during pregnancy, etc.
- Refer to [BC Cancer](#) for more detailed information on screening cessation.