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International terminology and EFC quality standards in colposcopy

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Why to have terminology and standards in colposcopy?



- **Our aim is to prevent cervical cancer!**
- **Diagnosis** is the foundation for clinical management.
- Colposcopy is needed for the diagnosis
- Terminology and valid standards are needed for high quality services
- Visual and other information has to be translated into standardized written form

IFCPC Colposcopic Nomenclature 2011



Section	Pattern
General assessment	<p>Adequate or inadequate for the reason ... (eg, cervix obscured by inflammation, bleeding, scar)</p> <p>Squamo-columnar junction visibility: completely visible, partially visible, not visible</p> <p>Transformation zone types 1,2,3</p>
Normal colposcopic findings	<p>Original squamous epithelium: mature, atrophic</p> <p>Columnar epithelium; ectopy</p> <p>Metaplastic squamous epithelium; Nabothian cysts; crypt (gland) openings</p> <p>Deciduous in pregnancy</p>
Abnormal colposcopic findings	<p>General principles</p> <p>Location of the lesion: Inside or outside the transformation zone; Location of the lesion by clock position</p> <p>Size of the lesion: Number of cervical quadrants the lesion covers</p> <p>Size of the lesion as percentage of cervix</p>
	<p>Grade 1 (Minor)</p> <p>Fine mosaic; fine punctation; thin aceto-white epithelium; irregular, geographic border</p>
	<p>Grade 2 (Major)</p> <p>Sharp border; inner border sign; ridge sign; dense aceto-white epithelium; coarse mosaic; coarse punctuation; rapid appearance of aceto-whitening; cuffed crypt (gland) openings</p>
	<p>Nonspecific</p> <p>Leukoplakia (keratosis, hyperkeratosis), erosion</p> <p>Lugol's staining (Schiller's test): stained or nonstained</p>
Suspicious for invasion	<p>Atypical vessels</p> <p>Additional signs: Fragile vessels, irregular surface, exophytic lesion, necrosis, ulceration (necrotic), tumor or gross neoplasm</p>
Miscellaneous findings	<p>Congenital transformation zone, condyloma, polyp (ectocervical or endocervical), inflammation, stenosis, congenital anomaly, posttreatment consequence, endometriosis</p>



General Assessment

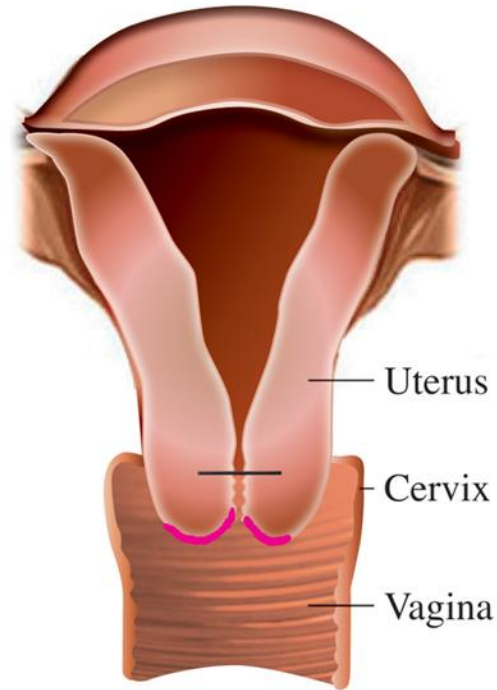
- Adequate colposcopy
- Inadequate colposcopy (the cervix is obscured e.g. by inflammation, bleeding, scar...)
- Squamo-columnar Junction visibility: Transformation zone type

Transformation Zone Classification

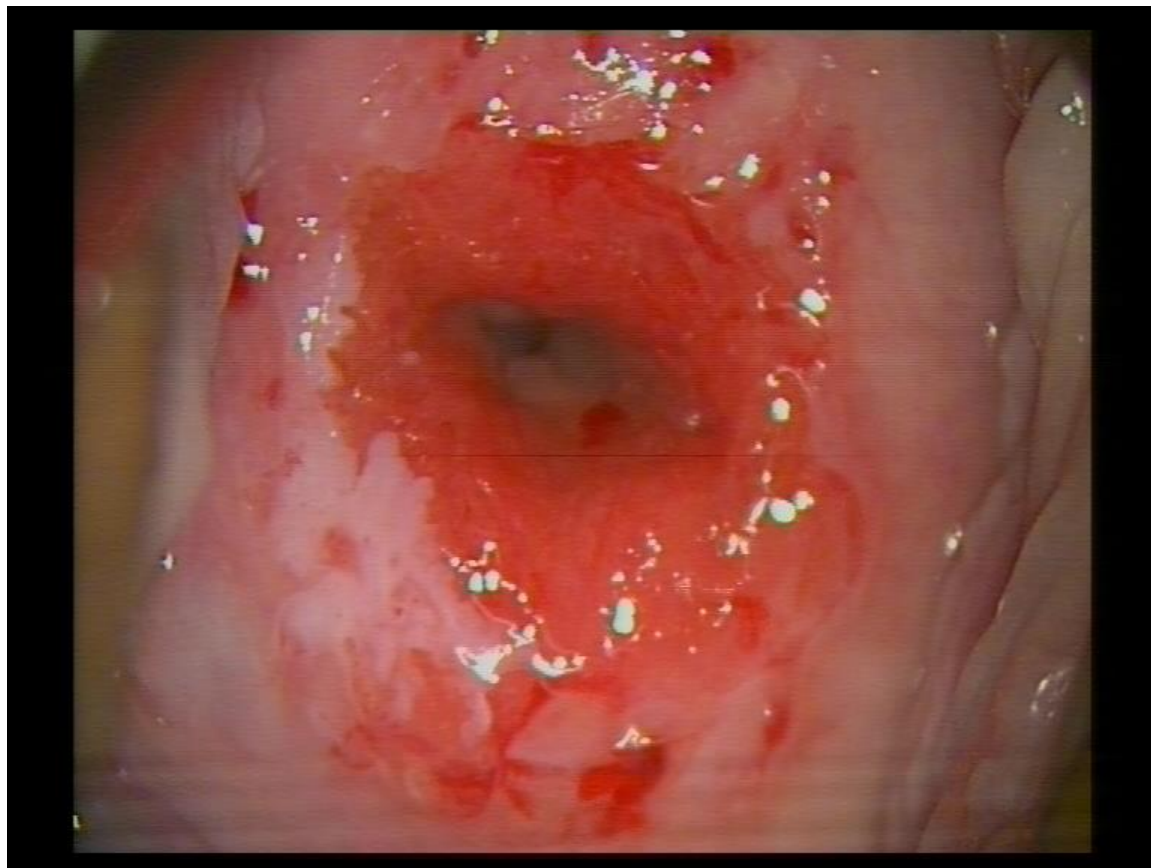


Type 1

- Completely ectocervical
- Fully visible
- Small or large



- Upper limit of visibility
- Transformation Zone

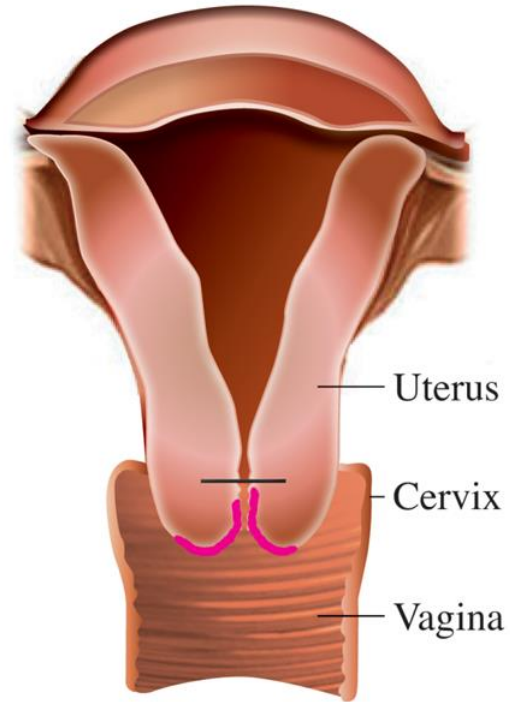




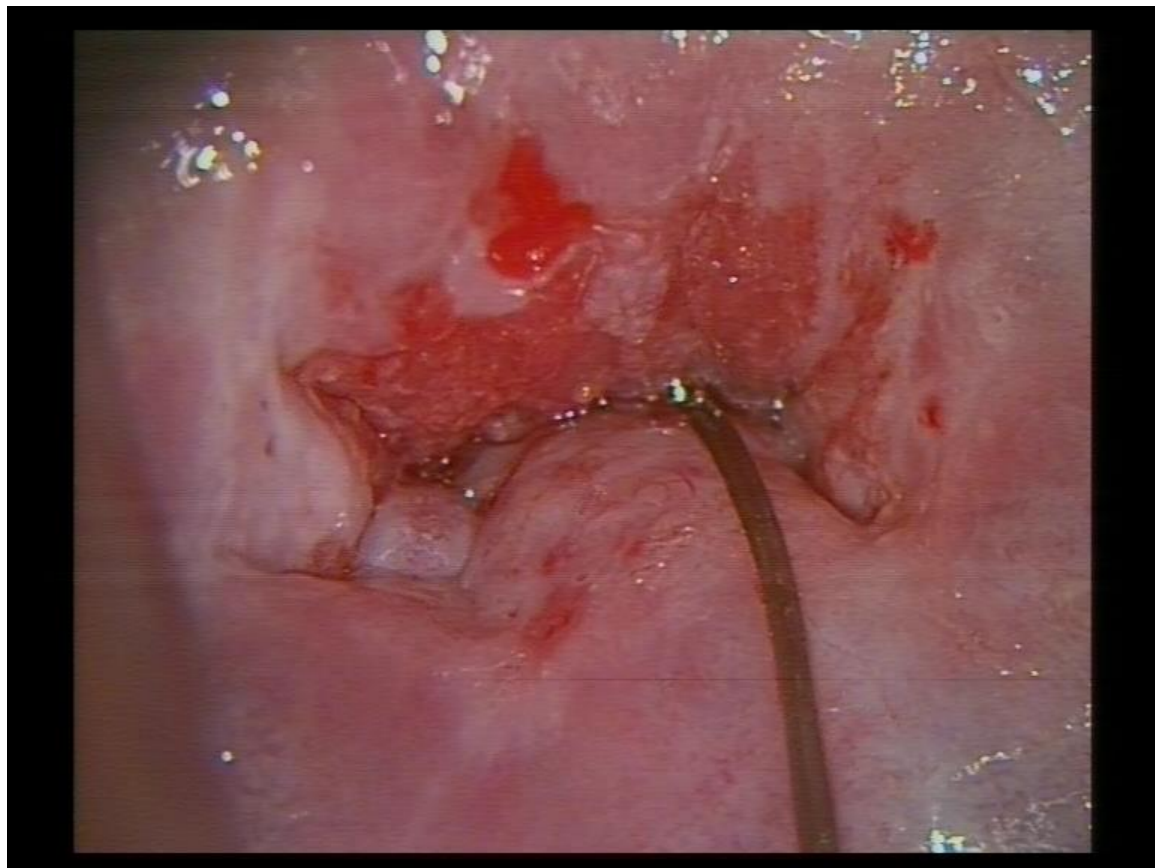
Transformation Zone Classification

Type 2

- Has endocervical component
- Fully visible
- May have ectocervical component which may be small or large



- Upper limit of visibility
- Transformation Zone

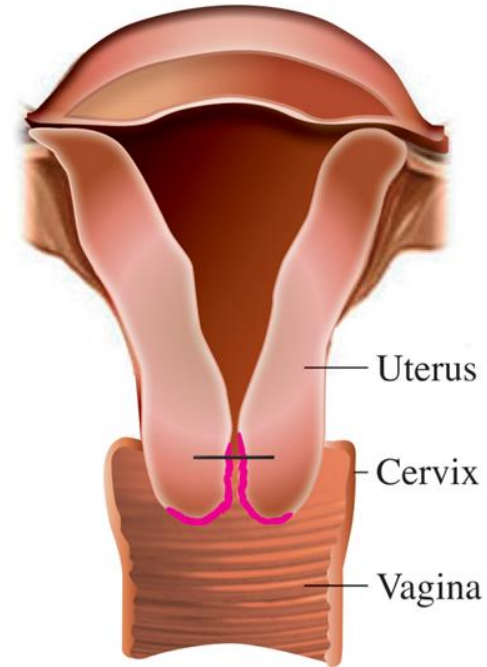




Transformation Zone Classification

Type 3

- Has endocervical component
- Is not fully visible
- May have ectocervical component which may be small or large



- Upper limit of visibility
- Transformation Zone



2011 IFCPC Nomenclature



Normal colposcopic findings

Original squamous epithelium:

- Mature
- Atrophic

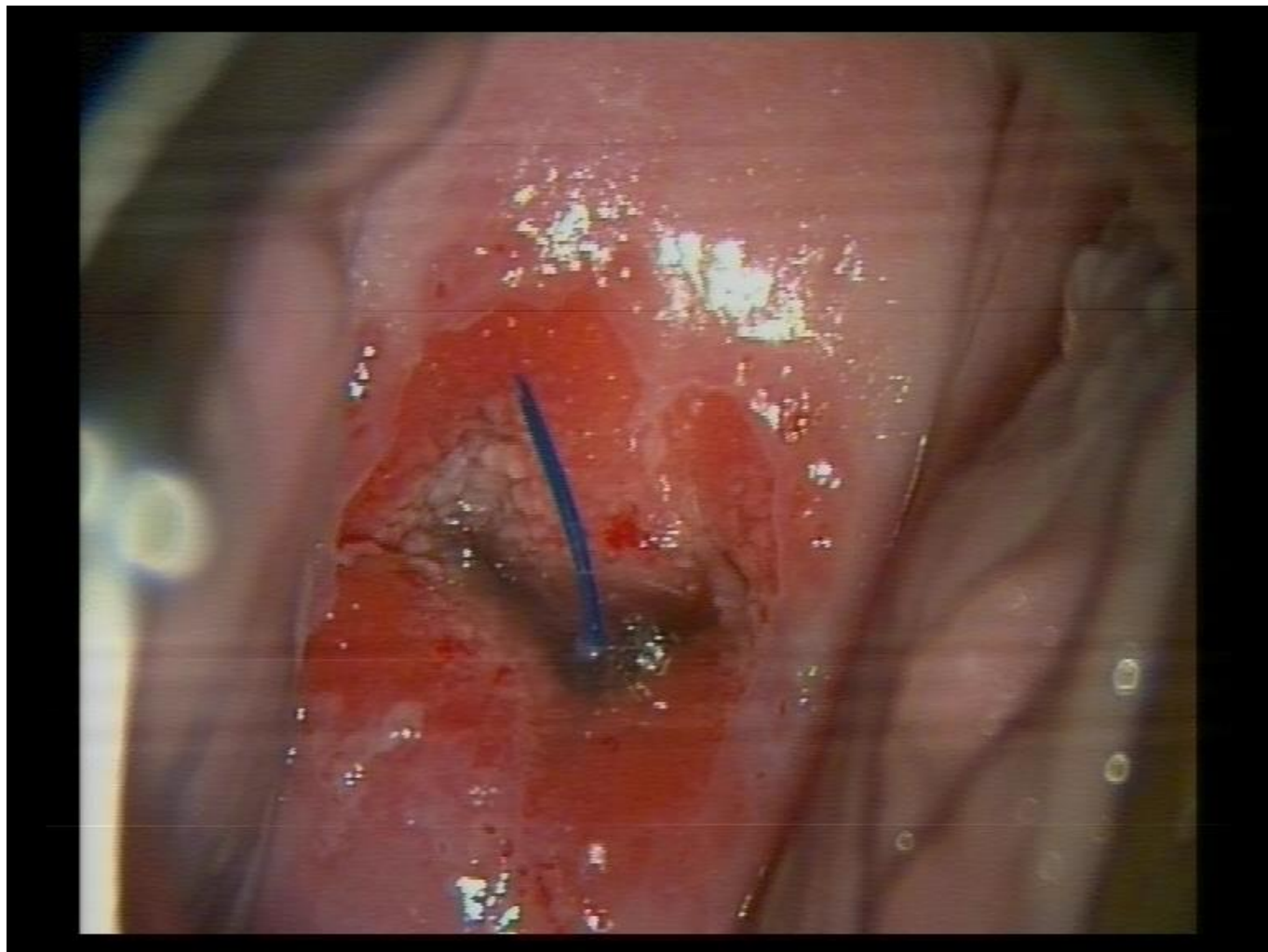
Columnar epithelium

- Ectopy

Metaplastic squamous epithelium

- Nabothian cysts
- Crypt (gland) openings

Deciduous in pregnancy





2011 IFCPC Nomenclature

Abnormal colposcopic findings

Grade 1 (Minor)

- Thin aceto-white epithelium
- Irregular, geographic border
- Fine mosaic,
- Fine punctation





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Abnormal colposcopic findings

Grade 2 (Major)

- Dense aceto-white epithelium,
- Rapid appearance of acetowhitening,
- Cuffed crypt (gland) openings
- Coarse mosaic,
- Coarse punctuation,
- Sharp border,
- Inner border sign,
- Ridge sign



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Suspicious for invasion

Atypical vessels

**Additional signs: Fragile vessels,
Irregular surface, Exophytic lesion,
Necrosis, Ulceration (necrotic),
tumor/gross neoplasm**



EFC standards



Identified targets	Target
For cervical colposcopy transformation zone (TZ) type (1,2 or 3) should be documented	100%
% cases having a colposcopic examination prior to treatment for abnormal cervical cytology	100%
% of excisional treatments/ conizations having a definitive histology of CIN2+. Definitive histology is highest grade from any diagnostic or therapeutic biopsies.	85%
% clear margins in excisional treatment biopsies	80%
N of colposcopies personally performed each year for a low-grade/ minor abnormality on cervical cytology	>50
N of colposcopies personally performed each year for a high-grade/ major abnormality on cervical cytology	>50

EFC Minimum Standards for Colposcopy Training



- All EFC member countries
- Different backgrounds (ca incidence/mortality)
- Aiming to high quality in every country
- Equality for every woman

The current EFC training **programme** criteria were reviewed and ratified at the 3rd EFC satellite meeting in Berlin in February 2014.



Trainee Caseload

- Each Trainee should see **a minimum of 100 cases**, but individual Societies would have the right to require more cases
- The Trainee should see a minimum of **50 new cases**
- A minimum of 30 of the cases seen should have both a colposcopic and histological proven abnormality
- The training should be completed within 24 months

Electronic Log-book

It is recommended that cases seen should be documented using the EFC electronic log-book



Trainer Caseload

- The Trainer should see a minimum of 100 cases per annum
- The Trainer should see a minimum of 50 new cases per annum
- The Trainer should see a minimum of 30 cases per annum with both colposcopic and histological abnormality

Training Centre criteria

The Individual Society should decide which centres are suitable for training

Introduction of a structured training programme

Each individual Society should identify how best to introduce the training programme and to identify the time scale for its introduction.

Exit Assessment

Each Society should, at some time in the future, introduce some form of exit assessment at the completion of training

EFC Minimum Standards for Training in Colposcopy - 51 Core Competencies, agreed by all EFC member societies



A. Preliminary/Preparatory

1. Understand the development of cervical pre-cancer
2. History taking
3. Positioning of patient
4. Insertion of vaginal speculum
5. Perform cervical smear (including Cytobrush)
6. Perform bacteriological swabs
7. Take samples for HPV testing
8. Practise complies with Health and Safety recommendations
9. Understand National Cervical Screening Guidelines

B. Colposcopic examination



10. Position and adjust the colposcope
11. Determine whether or not the entire transformation zone (TZ) is visible
12. Determine whether or not colposcopy is satisfactory
13. Recognise abnormal vascular patterns
14. Examination of TZ with saline and green filter
15. Examination of TZ with acetic acid
16. Quantify and describe acetic acid changes
17. Use endocervical speculum
18. Schiller's Test
19. Examination of vagina with acetic acid

C. Colposcopic features of the normal cervix



20. Recognise original squamous epithelium
21. Recognise columnar epithelium
22. Recognise metaplastic epithelium
23. Recognise Congenital Transformation Zone
24. Recognise features of a postmenopausal cervix
25. Recognise effects of pregnancy

D. Colposcopic features of the abnormal lower genital tract



26. Recognise low grade pre-cancerous cervical abnormality
27. Recognise high grade pre-cancerous cervical abnormality
28. Recognise features suggestive of invasion
29. Recognise and assess Vaginal Intraepithelial Neoplasia
30. Recognise and assess Vulval Intraepithelial Neoplasia
31. Determine the extent of abnormal epithelium
32. Recognise acute inflammatory changes
33. Recognise HPV infection
34. Recognise condylomata plana
35. Recognise condylomata accuminata
36. Recognise changes associated with treatment
37. Recognise benign cervical polyps



E. Practical Procedures

38. Administer local analgesia
39. Determine where to take directed cervical biopsies
40. Perform a directed cervical biopsy
41. Perform a directed vaginal biopsy
42. Perform a directed vulval biopsy
43. Control bleeding from biopsy sites

F. Administration and G. Communication



- 44. Document findings
- 45. Manage appropriately patients according to guidelines

- 46. Ensure adequate information given to patient
- 47. Counsel patients prior to colposcopy
- 48. Obtain informed consent correctly
- 49. Counsel patients after colposcopy
- 50. Break bad news
- 51. Communicate well with other health professionals

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