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Draft Table 1: 2026 IFCPC Colposcopy Terminology of the Cervix

Section	Pattern
General assessment	Adequate or inadequate for the reason (eg, cervix obscured)
	by inflammation, bleeding, scar).
	Squamocolumnar junction visibility: completely visible,
	partially visible, not visible.
	Transformation zone types 1, 2, 3.
Normal colposcopic	Squamous epithelium: mature, atrophic.
findings	Columnar epithelium; ectopy/ectropion.
	Normal transformation zone; nabothian cysts; crypt (gland)
	openings.
	Deciduosis in pregnancy.
	Lugol's lodine brown staining.
Abnormal colposcopic	General principles
findings	 Location of the lesion:
	Inside or outside the transformation zone.
	 Location of the lesion by clock position.
	Size of the lesion:
	Number of cervical quadrants the lesion
	covers.
	Size as percentage of cervix.Grade 1 (minor):
	• Fine mosaic.
	o Fine punctation.
	Thin acetowhite epithelium.
	o Irregular, geographic border.
	• Grade 2 (major):
	 Sharp border.
	o Inner border sign.
	o Ridge sign.
	 Dense acetowhite epithelium.
	 Coarse mosaic.
	 Coarse punctuation.
	 Rapid appearance of acetowhitening.
	 Cuffed crypt (gland) openings.
	 A concurrence of a Lugol's iodine non-stained area
	with any other Grade 2 (Major) lesion.



	Nonspecific:
	 Lugol's Iodine non-stained (inside transformation
	zone).
	 Leukoplakia (keratosis, hyperkeratosis).
	o Erosion.
Suspicious for invasion	Atypical vessels.
	Fragile vessels.
	Irregular exophytic lesion.
	Necrosis.
	Ulceration (necrotic).
	Tumor or gross neoplasm.
Miscellaneous findings	Congenital transformation zone.
	Condyloma acuminatum.
	Polyp (ectocervical or endocervical).
	Inflammation.
	Stenosis.
	Congenital anomaly.
	Posttreatment consequence.
	Endometriosis.
Glandular abnormalities	Lesions within the columnar epithelium:
	 Irregular or whitened glandular villi.
	 Enlarged gland openings.
	Coalescent acidophilic papillae ("waxy patch")
,	appearance).



Draft Table 2:

2011 IFCPC Clinical and Colposcopy Terminology of the Vagina

Section	Pattern
General assessment	 Adequate or inadequate for the reason (e.g. inflammation, bleeding, scar). Transformation zone.
Normal colposcopic findings	Squamous epithelium: mature or atrophic.Lugol's Iodine brown staining.
Abnormal findings	 General principles: Location Upper third or lower two-thirds. Anterior, posterior, or lateral (right or left).
	 Grade 1 (minor): Thin acetowhite epithelium. Fine punctuation. Fine mosaic. Papillary pattern.
	 Grade 2 (major): Dense acetowhite epithelium. Coarse punctuation. Coarse mosaic. Nonspecific grade: Columnar epithelium (adenosis). Leukoplakia.
Suspicious for invasion:	 Lugol's Iodine non-stained. Atypical vessels. Fragile vessels. Irregular surface.



	 Exophytic lesion. Necrosis. Ulceration (necrotic). Tumor/neoplasm.
Miscellaneous	 Erosion (traumatic). Condyloma acuminatum. Polyp. Cyst. Endometriosis. Inflammation. Vaginal stenosis. Congenital transformation zone.



Draft Addendum Table 3:

Cervical Excision and Specimen Terminology

Section	Pattern
Excision treatment	Excision type 1.
types	Excision type 2.
	Excision type 3.
	Excision type 4.
Excision specimen	Length – Distance between the ectocervical (external or distal)
dimensions	and endocervical (internal or proximal) margin of the cone.
	Anteroposterior dimension - Distance between the anterior and posterior margin of the cone.
	Transverse dimension - Distance between the left and right margin of the cone.
	Comment: If the cone is not oriented, the dimensions should be randomly selected.



Draft Addendum table 4:

Minimal Colposcopy Examination Reporting Criteria

- Indication for colposcopy.
- visualization of squamocolumnar junction.
- Transformation zone (TZ) type (1, 2, or 3).
- Size of abnormal TZ: % or Quadrants.
- Colposcopic impression:
- Ectocervix: normal, Grade 1 (minor), Grade 2. (major) or suspicious of cancer.
- Glandular epithelium: Normal or abnormal.
- Vagina: Normal or abnormal.
- Biopsy:
- Cervical biopsy: Yes/no, Number, Site.
- Vaginal biopsy: Yes/no, Number, Site.