

<b>Table 1: The Papanicolaou test is the only cervical screening test that is affordable and/or appropriate for all women in developing countries such as Vietnam</b>			
	Papanicolaou cervical screening test	HPV cervical screening test	VIA cervical screening test
affordable for women in developing countries such as Vietnam	yes	no	yes
appropriate for women under age 30	yes	no	yes
appropriate for postmenopausal women	yes	yes	no
consensus definition available for positive screening test result <sup>#</sup>	yes <sup>#</sup>	yes <sup>#</sup>	no <sup>#</sup>
requires Papanicolaou test "triage" for confirmatory testing of women with positive screening test results*	sometimes*	yes*	yes*

HPV = human papillomavirus

VIA = visual inspection with acetic acid ("vinegar test")

<sup>#</sup>Without consensus definitions for positive screening test results, locality-specific benchmarks for positive screening test results are problematic; without locality-specific benchmarks for positive screening test results, effective quality management is problematic.

\*Confirmatory testing is required because women with positive screening tests for cancer desire to know whether or not they truly have the disease.