**Presentation title**

Barriers and facilitators to cervical cancer screening for women from CALD backgrounds

**Why is this paper of interest to GP22 participants?**

This qualitative study explores GPs’ perspectives on the barriers and facilitators to cervical cancer screening in an under-screened population group - women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. An understanding of these barriers and facilitators will assist GPs with the development of strategies to increase cancer screening participation in this population group.

**Background**

Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women worldwide. In Australia, although an effective national cervical screening program exists, participation in cervical cancer screening remains low. Previous literature has explored CALD patients’ barriers to cervical cancer screening, but the perspectives of Australian GPs had not yet been documented.

**Aim**

To explore GPs perspectives on the barriers and facilitators to cervical cancer screening for women from CALD backgrounds.

**Method**

A qualitative descriptive study involving semi-structed interviews, with interview guide utilising the Theoretical Domains Framework, was conducted in 2021. Twelve GPs in South Australia participated. Braun & Clarke’s six-phase theoretical framework guided thematic analysis (1).

**Results**

Four main themes emerged: ‘importance of clinician-patient relationship’, ‘patients’ cultural understanding regarding health care and CCS’, ‘communication and language’ and ‘health-system related’. Each theme had several sub-themes and explored the barriers and facilitators in detail.

**Discussion**

This study explored the multiple, inter-related barriers and facilitators which influence CALD women’s engagement with CCS, and highlighted that GPs need to manage all of these factors in order to encourage CCS participation.

The study is currently under review by a journal for publication and is expected to be published by November 2022 prior to GP22 conference.

**Reference list**

1. Braun V, Clarke V. Using thematic analysis in psychology. Qualitative Research in Psychology. 2006;3(2):77-101.