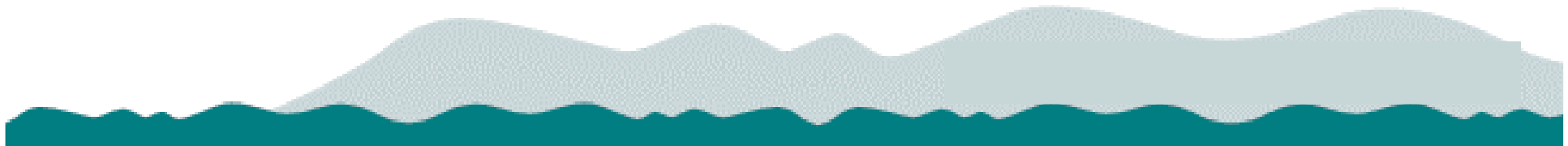


Cervical screening and the role of the Practice Nurse

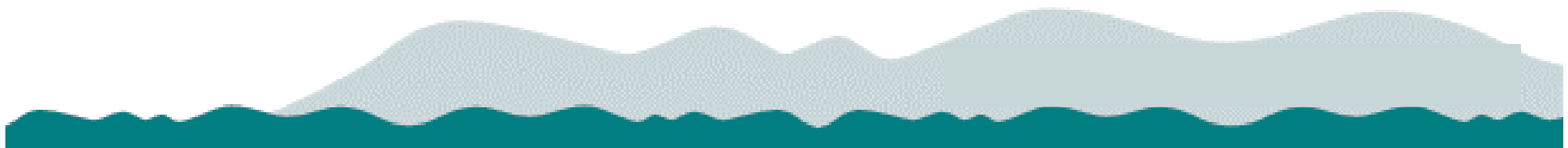
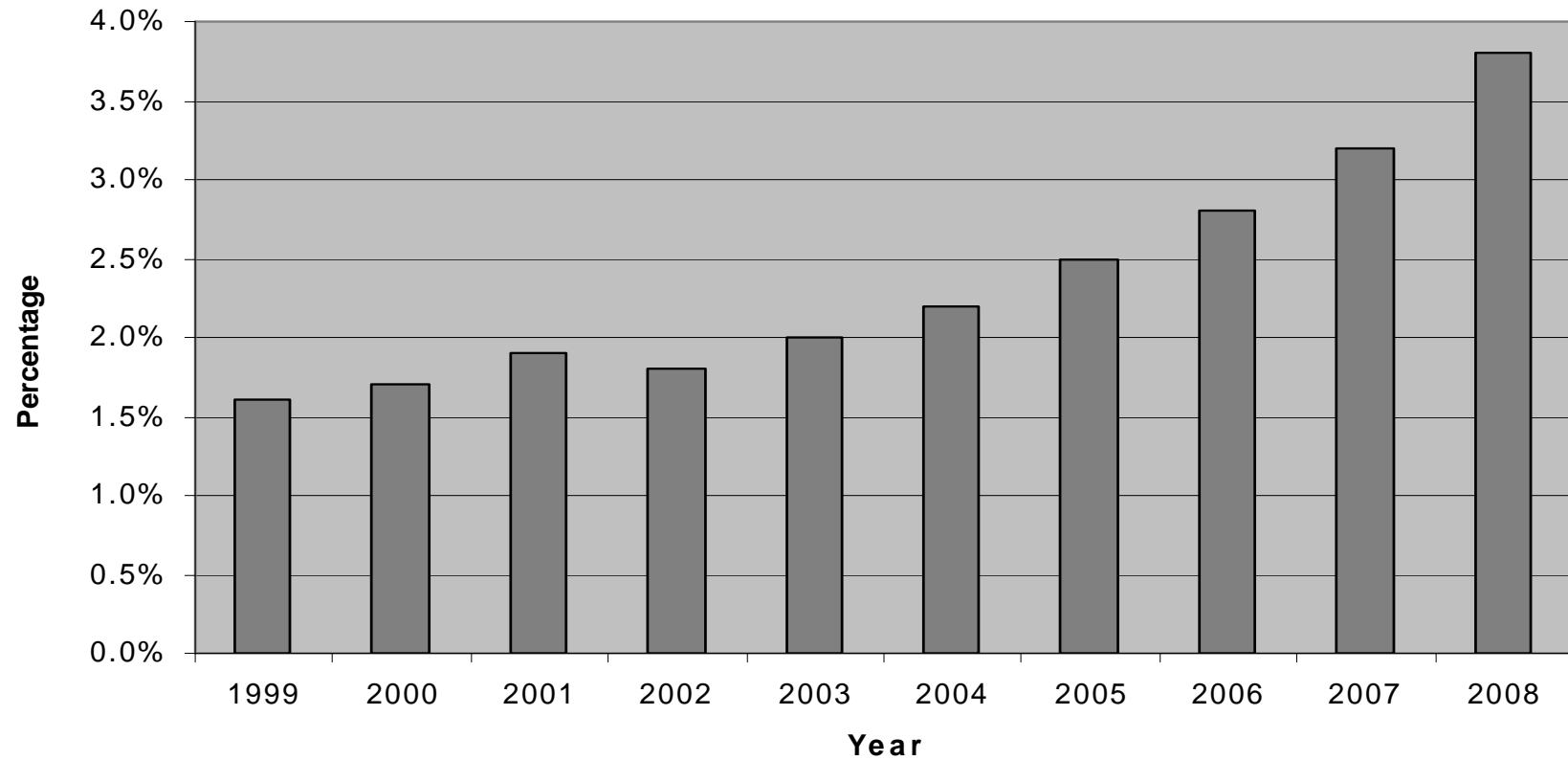


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Percentage of nurses' Pap tests

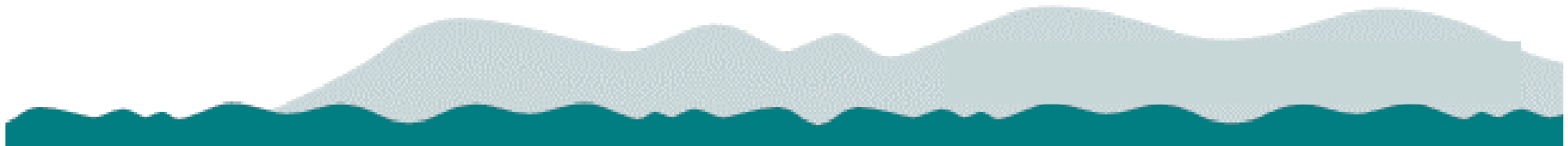
Evaluation of Pap tests taken by nurses in Victoria during 2008,
Cathryn Wharton, Victorian Cervical Cytology Registry, March
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Nurses' practice in cervical screening

Currently there are 386 credentialled nurse Pap test providers in Victoria.

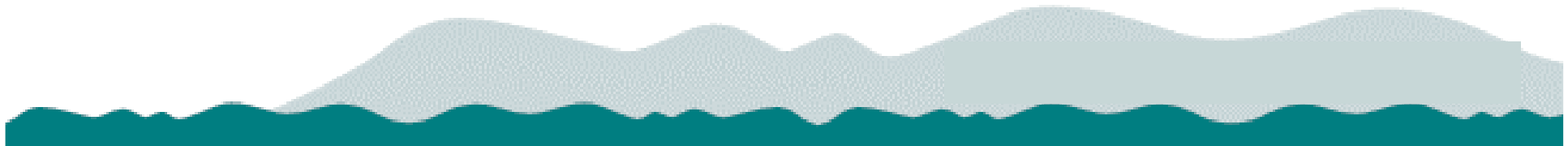
Currently there are 112 registered Victorian Preceptors



Course options and scholarships

Accredited nurse training courses are currently provided by:

- Family Planning Victoria
- Melbourne University & Melbourne Sexual Health Centre
- Melbourne University, The Department of General Practice.



Nurse Practice Types

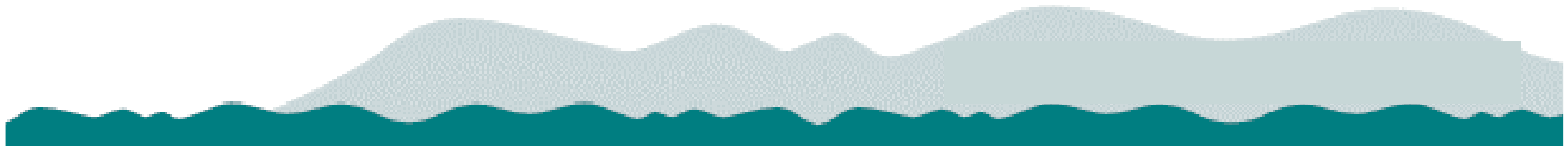
Practice type	No of nurses 2006	No of nurses 2007	No nurses 2008
General Practice	66	90	113
Community Health	91	98	95
Women's Health	6	7	7
Sexual Health	35	36	37
Hospital & dysplasia clinic	38	37	33
Total	236	268	285

Key statistics from nurses' Pap tests

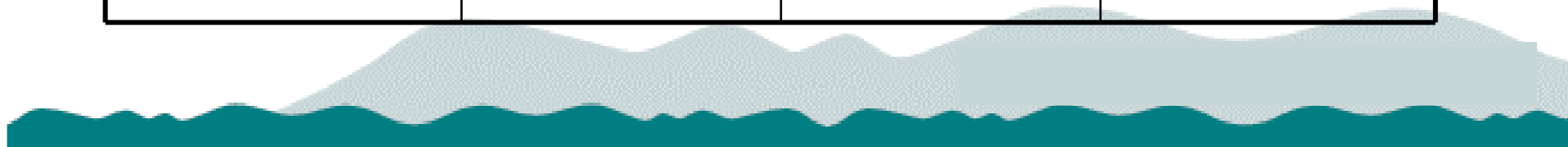
15.6% of Pap test collected by nurses were from women aged 60 -69 years compared to 10.5% for all Victorian providers

25.2% of Pap tests taken by nurses are for women who it has been at least 2.5 years since their last test, compared to 20.7% for all Victorian providers.

25.7% of Pap tests taken by nurses are for women who it has been less than 2 years since their last test, compared to 35.2% for all Victorian providers.

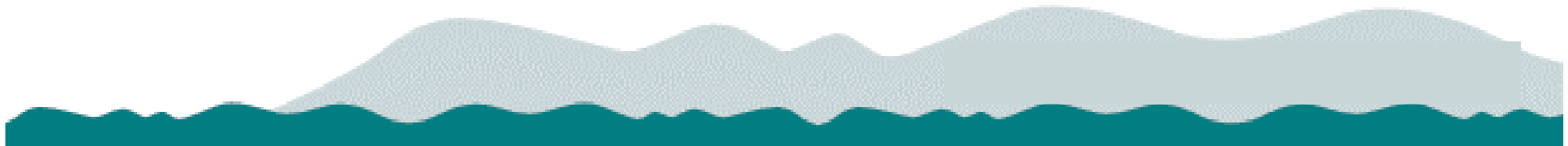
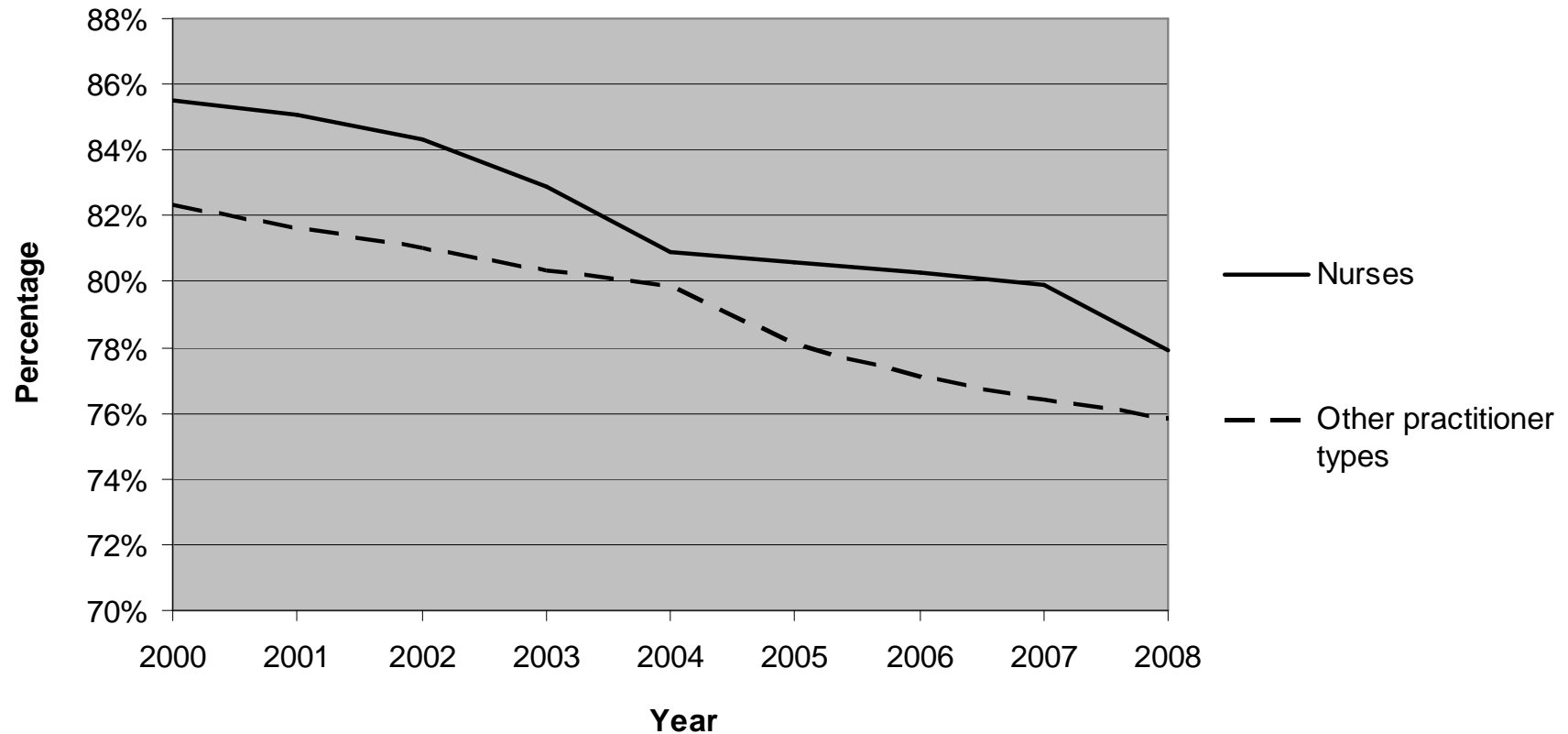


DHS Region	% screened 2004 - 05	% screened 2005-06	% screened 2006-07
Barwon South Western	65%	62.5%	63.3%
Eastern Metropolitan	65%	66.9%	66.6%
Gippsland	64%	60.8%	62.1%
Hume	67%	64.4%	64.9%
Loddon Mallee	63%	61.5%	62.7%
North West Metropolitan	63%	61.6%	61.0%
Southern Metropolitan	68%	61.6%	65.2%
Grampians	61%	58.4%	58.3%



Grampians Region	% screened 2004 - 05	% screened 2005-06
Ararat	56.1%	53.8%
Ballarat	57.4%	56.4%
Golden Plains	55.3%	62.1%
Hepburn	63.0%	66.3%
Hindmarsh	56.8%	54.4%
Horsham	61.4%	61.2%
Moorabool	61.4%	61.2%
Northern Grampians	58.5%	57.8%
Pyrenees	50.8%	50.5%
West Wimmera	51.8%	44.9%
Yarriambiack	55.9%	56.6%

Nurse endocervical component rates



Credentialling Secretariat has moved - Application Information

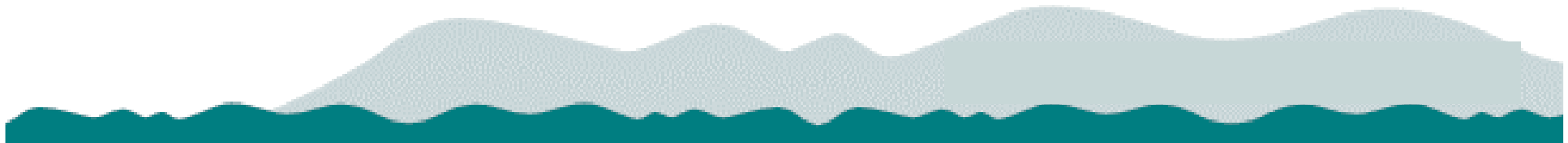
Credentialling forms available on PapScreen Victoria website from 1 June 2009 –

www.papscreen.org.au

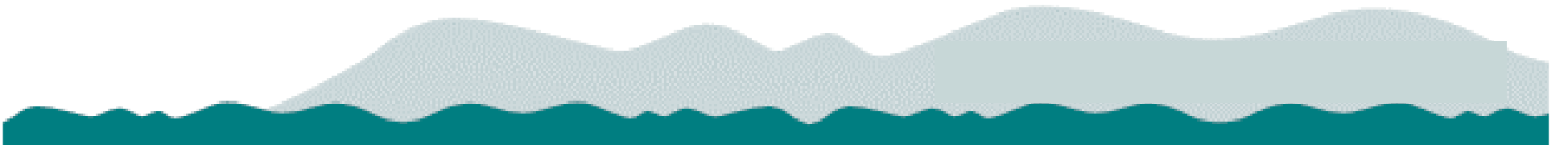
Email: credentialling@papscreen.org.au

Phone 1800 111 255

Contact person: Suzanna Zhang



Discussion



PSV website

The screenshot shows the PapScreen Victoria website with a navigation menu at the top: Home | Common Questions | Information Sheets | For Health Professionals | News & Research | About Us. The main header features the PapScreen Victoria logo and a search box titled "Where to go for your Pap Test" with a "SUBMIT" button and a link to "Advanced Search". Below the header, there are several content blocks: a sidebar with "Phone the Cancer Helpline 13 11 20", "Have a question? Ask an expert", and "Abnormal Pap test results explained"; a main content area with a "Home Page" link and a section titled "PapScreen Victoria provides information and support for women and health professionals on Pap tests and related issues."; and a "Latest News" section with a link to "Nurse Pap test provider scholarships available".

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In Australia, regular Pap tests save more than 1,200 women each year from cervical cancer. Most women who develop cervical cancer either never had a Pap test or did not have them regularly.

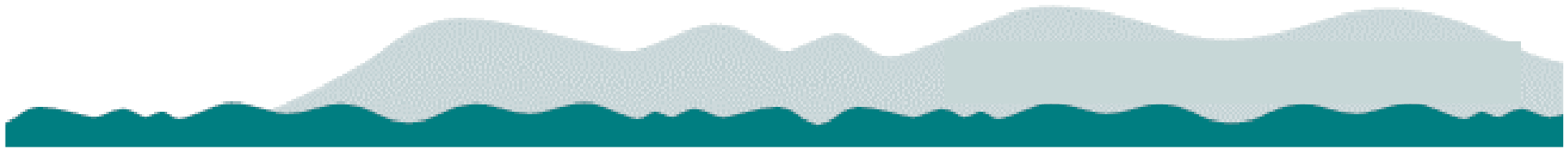
A Pap test every two years, it could save your life.

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Are you a Victorian Div 1 Registered Nurse considering becoming a nurse Pap test provider? You may be eligible for a scholarship.



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