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Acronyms and abbreviations

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| AIS | adenocarcinoma in situ |
| CIN | cervical intraepithelial neoplasia |
| CKC | cold knife conization |
| DOI | declaration of interest |
| ERG | External Review Group |
| EtD | evidence-to-decision |
| GDG | Guideline Development Group |
| GRC | Guidelines Review Committee |
| GRADE | Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation |
| HPV | human papillomavirus |
| HRP | UNDP-UNFPA-UNICEF-WHO-World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer |
| LEEP | loop electrosurgical excision procedure (also known as LLETZ) |
| LLETZ | large-loop excision of the transformation zone (also known as LEEP) |
| mRNA | messenger ribonucleic acid (referring to HPV E6/E7 messenger RNA) |
| NAAT | nucleic acid amplification test |
| PEPFAR | The United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief |
| PICO | population (P), intervention (I), comparator (C), outcome (O) |
| SDG | Sustainable Development Goal |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| VIA | visual inspection with acetic acid |

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