

CERVICAL CANCER

Prevention and screening update

Samoa O&G Service

Clinical audit presentation

**From late
diagnosis
to earlier
prevention**

Local cancer trends,
service capacity and the
HPV screening journey

CLINICAL AUDIT

Miss TT: the human cost of late diagnosis

26

years old

G2P1M1

Stage III
cervical
cancer

Her experience shows where the pathway failed

- **Symptoms persisted**
before a definitive diagnosis
- **Overseas treatment**
required travel and a caregiver
- **Financial and social barriers**
delayed referral
- **Disease progressed**
to palliative care; she died one year later

Presentation objectives

01

Review the burden

Cervical and other gynaecological cancer patterns, 2017–2023

02

Clarify the pathway

Current approach to diagnosis, referral and management

03

Strengthen prevention

HPV screening progress and practical priorities

Samoa O&G workforce

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Consultants

4

Registrars

44

Nursing staff

Workforce capacity shapes screening reach, follow-up reliability and cancer care coordination.



PREVENTION IS A TEAM EFFORT

People make the pathway work

Screening, counselling, referral and follow-up depend on trained teams working across services.

Health-system context

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Tertiary hospitals

Specialist assessment and treatment
coordination

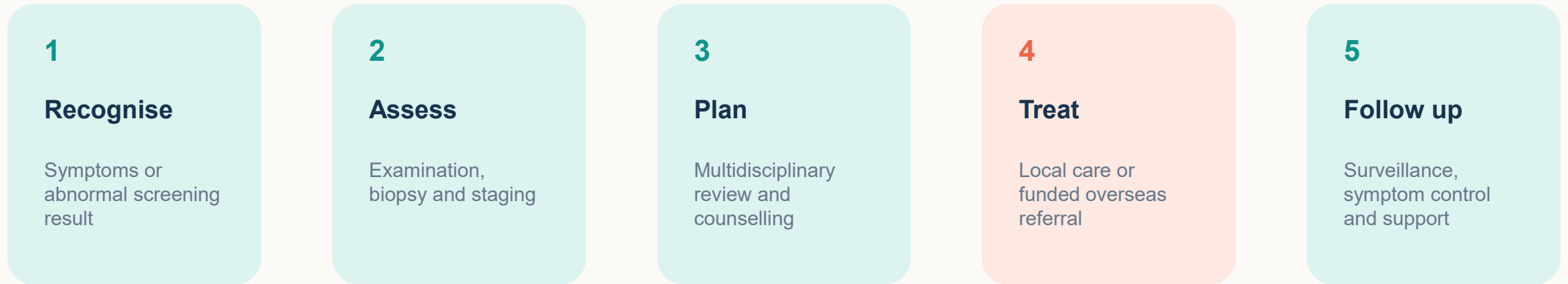
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**District hospitals and health
centres**

Local access to prevention, early
recognition and follow-up

**A connected network reduces delay between first contact and definitive
care**

Current cervical cancer care pathway



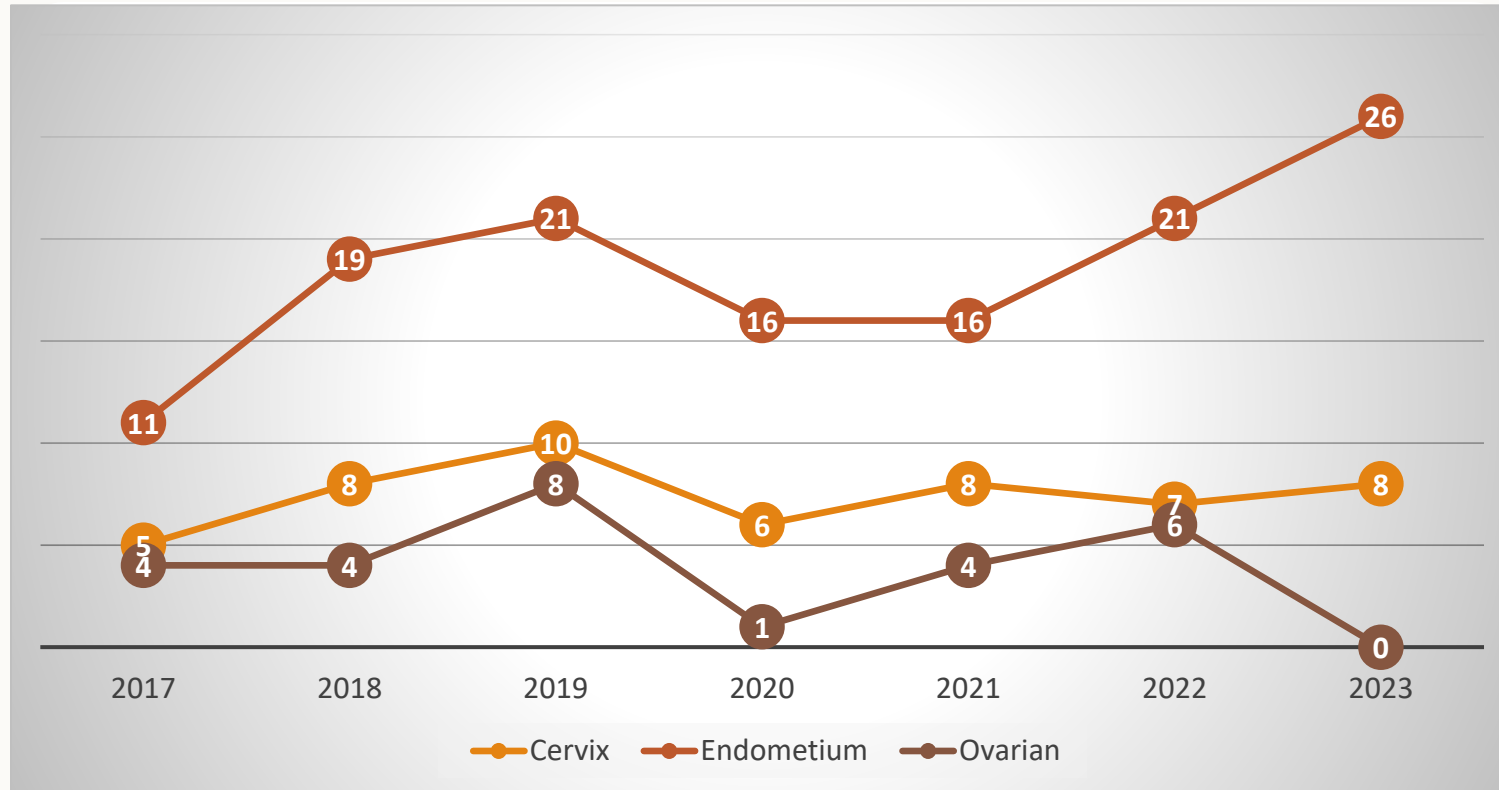
Critical controls: documented referral ownership, financial navigation and active tracking of missed appointments

Gynaecological cancer case mix, 2017–2023



214 recorded cases

Annual gynaecological cancer trends, 2017–2023

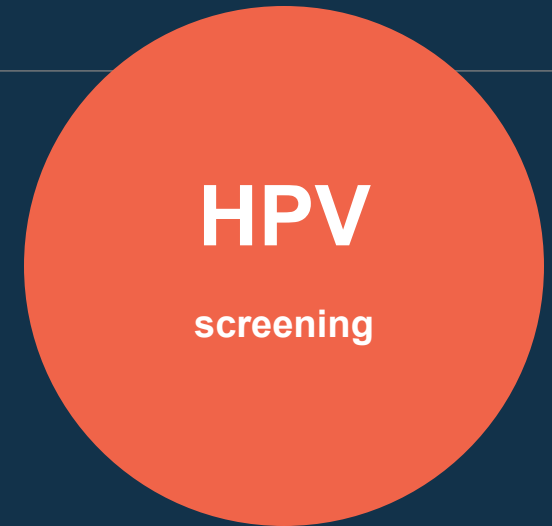


The chart shows a sustained cervical cancer burden across the period

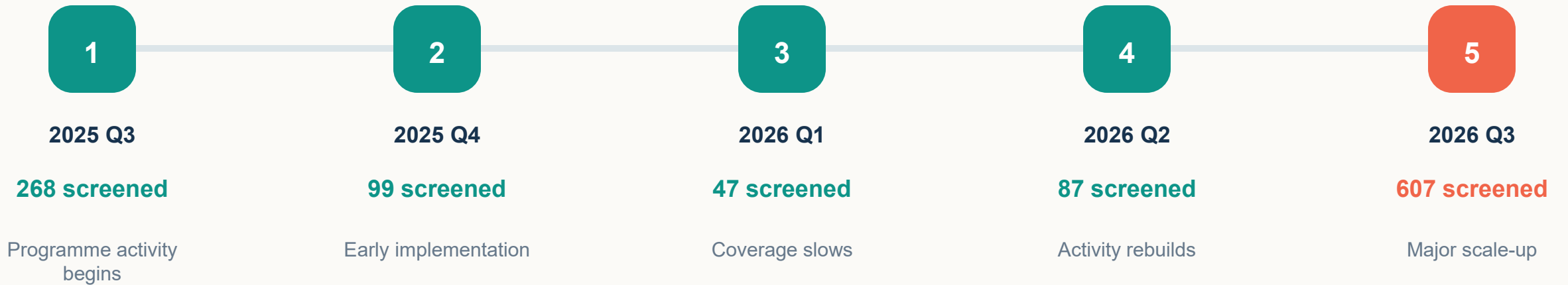
Use annual variation to plan screening, diagnostic and referral capacity.

OUR HPV SCREENING JOURNEY

Turning prevention into measurable coverage, timely follow-up
and fewer late diagnoses

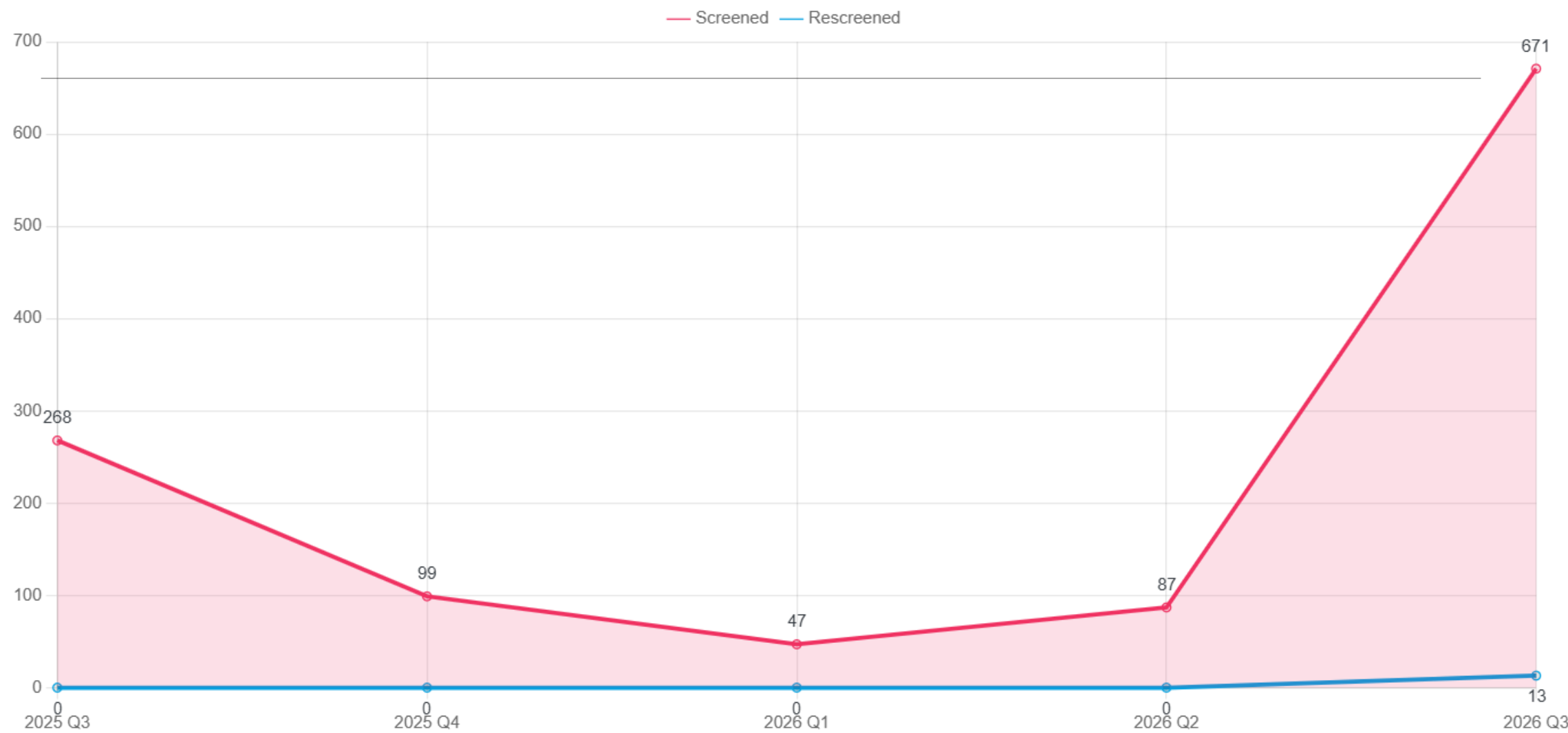


HPV screening journey



1,108 women screened • 13 rescreened

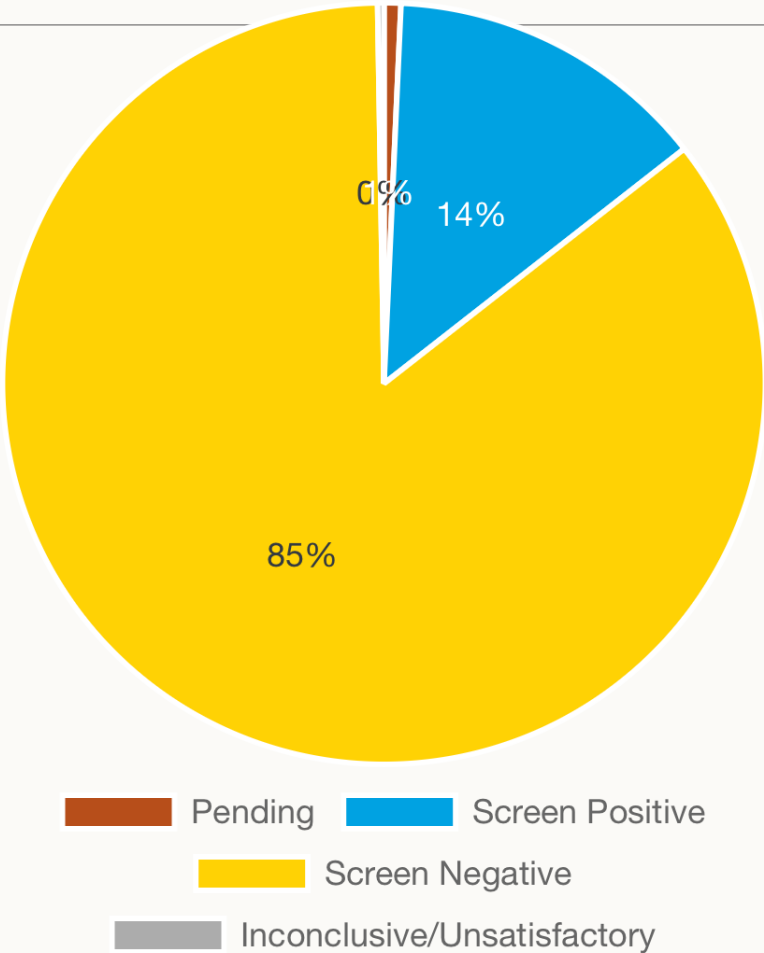
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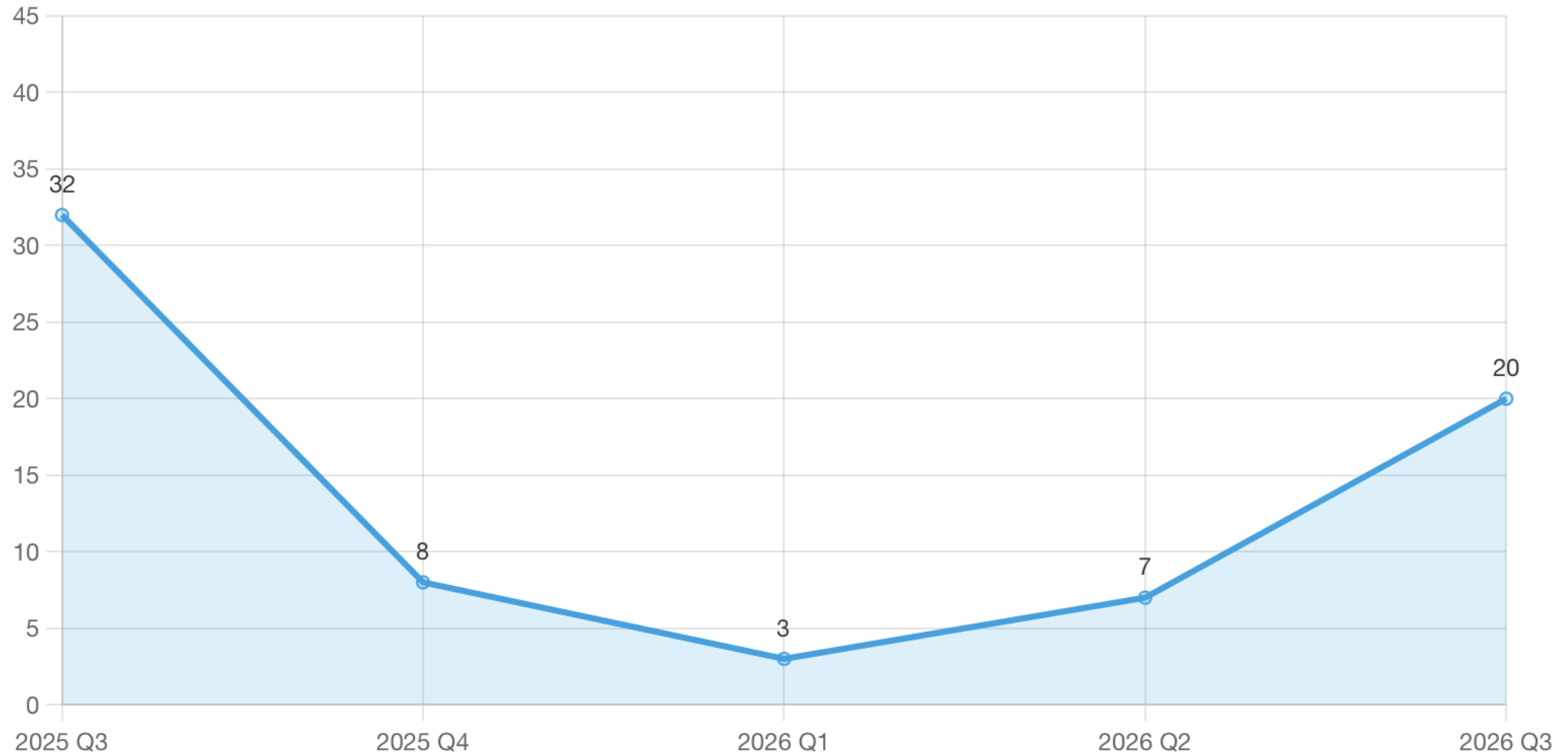
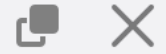
Cervical screening activity and episode results

1,108
women screened

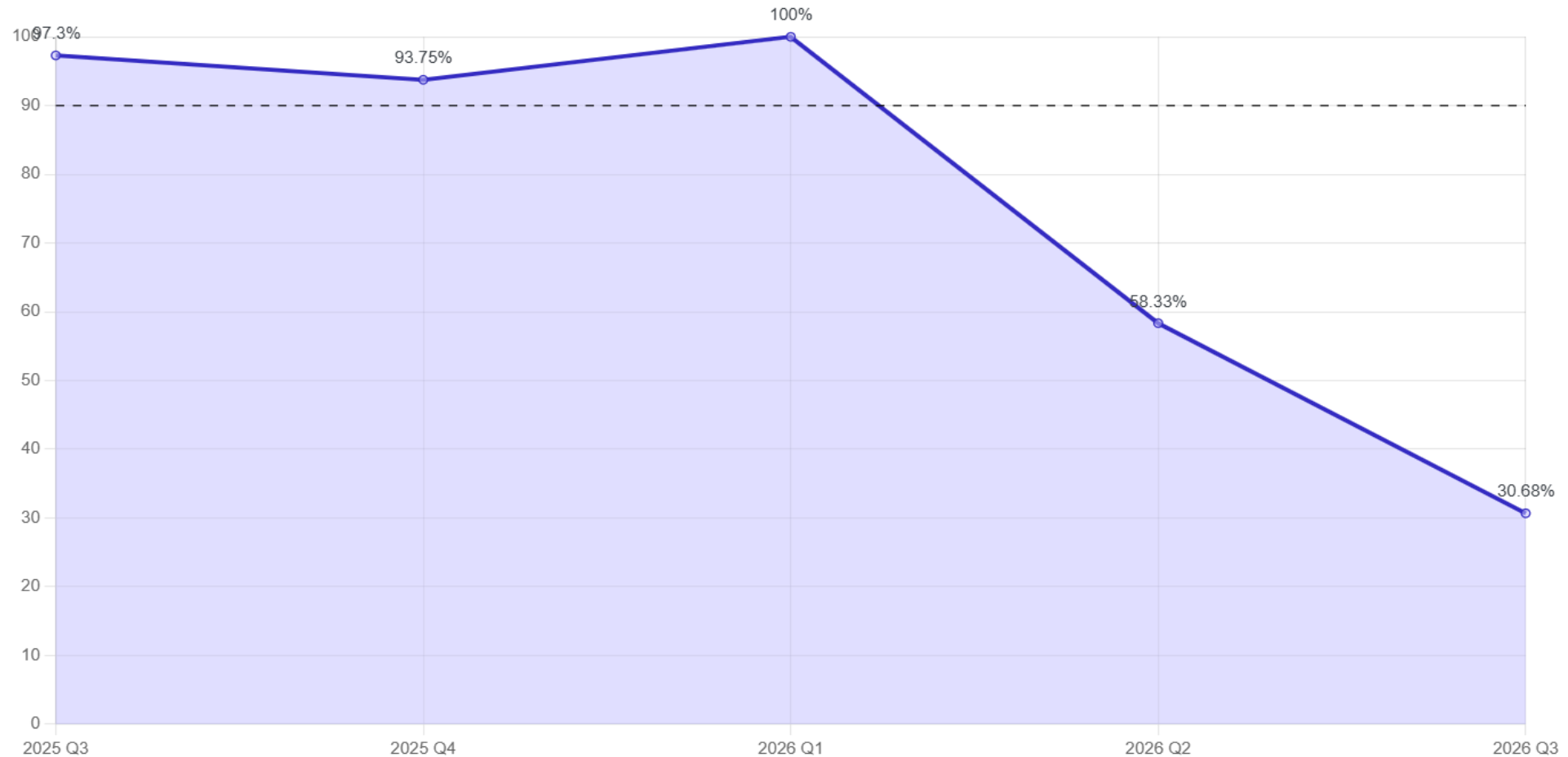
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No. Women Ablation Performed (Total: 70)



Follow Up Rate



Our mission

01

Sustain collaboration

Continue work with the Kirby Institute and multidisciplinary partners on solutions designed for community needs.

02

Grow the workforce

Build the capacity needed for screening, diagnosis, treatment coordination and follow-up.

03

Increase public awareness

Help women understand prevention, screening and when to seek care.

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