

Cervical

Cancer

and

HPV

Why the Concern?

In the U.S. it is estimated that each year:

- Over 19,000 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer.
- Over 4,000 women will die from the disease.
- 6 out of 10 cervical cancers will occur in women who have never received a pap test or have not been tested in the past 5 years. Cervical cancer CAN be prevented and is highly curable when found early.

Who is at Risk?

Who is at risk for Cervical Cancer?

- Women who do not have Pap tests.
- Women who do not follow-up with testing or treatment after an abnormal Pap test, as recommended by their healthcare provider.
- Women who have persistent Human Papillomavirus (HPV).
- Women who smoke.

Take Control of Your Health

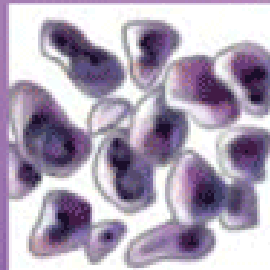
- If you're ages 9 to 26 get the HPV vaccination.
- Limit your number of sexual partners.
- Use condoms during sex.
- See your healthcare provider regularly for a Pap test.
- Follow up with your healthcare provider if your Pap test results are not normal.
- Don't smoke.

Screening is Key!

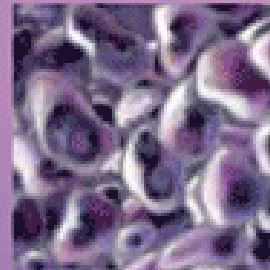
HPV can cause changes
in cervical cells over time



Normal
cells



Pre-cancer
cells



Cancer
cells

Pap Test

- A Pap test checks the cells of the cervix (the opening of the uterus) for changes that can lead to cervical cancer.
- A Pap test can find abnormal cells that can be treated before the cells turn into cancer.

HPV Test

- An HPV test identifies the high-risk HPV types that can cause cancer.

HPV and Cervical Cancer

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) can affect the genital area, including the cervix. It accounts for 99.7 percent of all cervical cancers.

What is HPV

- There are more than 100 types of HPV. Some types affect the genital area.
- In most cases, the body fights off HPV naturally and the infected cells then go back to normal.
- 50 to 70 percent of sexually active men and women will be infected with HPV at some point in their lives but may never have symptoms or problems.

HPV Facts

- HPV can be passed from one person to another during sex.
- Most people do not know they have the virus.
- If a high-risk HPV infection is not cleared by the immune system, it can linger for many years and turn abnormal cells into cancer.



*Take time to take care of yourself so you can
be there for your children and
grandchildren.*

North Dakota Cancer Coalition

Planning for a cancer-free future.