

CDC Vital Signs

Cervical Cancer is Preventable!

This program is presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Every visit to a doctor or nurse is an opportunity to prevent cervical cancer. More than 12,000 women get and 4,000 women die from cervical cancer every year. Even though screening works, over 8 million women in the U.S. weren't screened in the past five years, as recommended. Are you one of them?

The Pap test screens for abnormal cells and the HPV test screens for the human papillomavirus that can cause these cell changes. HPV vaccination helps prevent infection with the human papillomavirus types that cause most cervical cancers. Both boys and girls need the HPV vaccination series.

Ask your doctor or nurse what cervical cancer screening tests are best for you. Also, get your adolescent sons and daughters vaccinated against HPV to help prevent cervical and other cancers. No woman should die of cervical cancer.

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