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National Cervical Cancer Coalition
National HPV Cancer Coalition

*Prevention and Early
Detection Saves Lives*



Facts About Cervical Cancer and HPV

- Cervical cancer is cancer of the cervix. The cervix is the lower part of the uterus that connects to the vagina. Abnormal cells can develop in the lining of the cervix. If not discovered early and treated, these abnormal cells can become cervical precancers and then cancer. Nearly 10,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the United States each year with about 3,700 deaths per year.
- Virtually all cases of cervical cancer (99.7%) are caused by certain types of a virus called human papillomavirus or HPV.
- HPV is very common and easily transmitted.
- 80% of all women, by the time they are 50, will have contracted HPV.

Strategies for Preventing Cervical Cancer and HPV

- **Educate yourself.**
Knowledge is power. Ask your doctor or healthcare professional for more information.
- **Screen regularly.**
Have your regular Pap test and HPV test when recommended.
- **Decrease your chances.**
According to the CDC, the only way you can totally protect yourself against HPV is to avoid any sexual activity that involves genital contact. You can decrease your chances by limiting your number of sexual partners and always using a condom.
- **Vaccinate.**
The HPV/Cervical Cancer Vaccine has been shown to significantly reduce the risk of contracting HPV, and is covered by most insurance companies.
- **Tell everyone you know.**
There should be no stigma associated with cervical cancer or HPV. Do not be afraid to talk about this issue and raise awareness. You could save someone's life.

Remember, Early Detection with a PAP Test and Prevention with the New Vaccine Can Save Lives—Even Yours

For more information about issues related to cervical cancer and HPV:

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