

Pap Tests can find precancerous changes on the cervix before it becomes cancer.

Age of Detection

The <u>American Cancer Society</u> recommends cervical cancer screening, a Pap Test, starting at age 25, and repeated every 3 years. Early detection can improve treatment outcomes.

Importance of Being Screened

Screenings offer the best chance to find cervical cancer early and help find abnormal cervical cell changes (pre-cancers) so that they can be treated before they have a chance to turn into cervical cancer.

What is a Pap (Papanicolaou) Test?

A Pap Test, also known as a Pap Smear, is a procedure used to collect cells from the cervix, view them under a microscope in a laboratory to detect pre-cancerous or cancerous cells.

Risk Factors

An HPV (human papillomavirus) infection is a significant risk factor for cervical cancer. Chronic HPV infection, especially high-risk HPV types, can cause certain types of cancers, including cervical cancer.

Pap Tests are your <u>key</u> to early detection of cervical cancer. Don't wait. Schedule an appointment with your gynecologist today!

Website to information about cancer screening at health center and to schedule an appointment

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