

Cervical Cancer Awareness



What is Cervical Cancer?

Cervical cancer is cancer that starts in the cervix, the lower, narrow part of the uterus (womb). Most cases of cervical cancer are caused by a highrisk type of HPV (Human Papillomavirus), a virus that is passed from person to person through genital contact, such as vaginal, anal, or oral sex.

Other things such as smoking, being HIV Positive or a lower immune system, taking birth control pills for a long time (more than 5 years), and having given birth to three or more children may raise the risk of developing cancer after a high-risk HPV infection.

Who gets cervical cancer?

Each year, about **12,000** women in the United States get cervical cancer. Cervical cancer happens most often in women **30 years or older**, but all women are at risk.



Are you up to date on your cervical cancer screening?

A simple pap test can help screen for early precancerous changes and can help prevent cervical cancer. If you are not sure if you are up to date on your screening, contact your doctor to schedule an appointment.

Call (512) 978-9015 to schedule an appointment.

