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## **Cervical Cancer Prevention and Early Detection**

There are often no symptoms of cervical cancer so it is very important to schedule regular screenings with your healthcare provider.

Cervical cancer is a disease where cells in the cervix (a part of women's reproductive organs)

grow out of control. If left untreated, cervical cancer can spread to other parts of the body.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer. HPV is passed from one person to another during sexual intercourse.

**ALL** women are at risk for cervical cancer. Every year, about 12,000 women get cervical cancer in the US.

Cervical cancer is one of the easiest cancers to prevent with HPV vaccinations, Pap screening tests (or Pap smear), and HPV tests. It is also highly curable when found and treated early. There are many options for free or low-cost Pap tests.



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**Tip of the month:** Prevention and early detection save lives.