



Cervical health

Pap tests, pelvic exams, and a test for human papillomavirus (HPV) check for early signs of cervical cancer.



If you are a female, start getting Pap tests at age 21 or within 3 years of the onset of sexual activity, whichever comes first. After that, get a Pap test at least every 3 years or as often as your doctor advises.

If you are a female 30 to 65 years old, you may have an HPV test along with the Pap test. Talk to your doctor about which testing option, including how often, is right for you.

Learn about cervical cancer from the Cancer Information Service at 800.4.CANCER (422.6237) and [cancer.gov/types/cervical](https://www.cancer.gov/types/cervical).