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Pap smear Chest X-ra

January is CERVICAL CANCER

Awareness Month

#### Facts about cervical cancer:

- All woman are at risk
- Occurs most in woman over age 30
- 12,000 women get cervical cancer in the U.S. yearly
- Most cervical cancers are caused by human papillomavirus (HPV)
- When detected early, cervical cancer is highly treatable

### How Can you prevent cervical Cancer?

- See your doctor for a Pap test
- If your Pap test is abnormal, FOLLOW-UP with your doctor
- Get the HPV vaccine- it can be given to boys and girls ages 11-26 years

#### • Don't smoke

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- Use condoms during sex
- Limit your number of sexual partners



## The pap test is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available. When should women get tested for cervical cancer?

- Start getting **Pap** tests at age 21-If normal results, you will need one every 3 years (or as recommended by your doctor)
- The **HPV** test can be used to screen (with a Pap test) for women age 30 years and older
- If you are age 65 and older and have had several normal Pap tests, your doctor may say you don't need a Pap test
- If you have had a partial or total hysterectomy due to non-cancerous reasons, you may not need a Pap test

https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/cervicalcancer/index.htm http://www.nccc-online.org/



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