





Cervical Screening – Reduce Your Risk of Developing Cervical Cancer

(Information in English and other languages: www.sjekkdeg.no)

Cervical smear tests are taken by your doctor, and it is your responsibility to book an appointment. Please disregard this reminder if you have recently had a cervical smear test performed.

- Book an appointment with your GP
- Take a smear test
- Reduce your chances of developing cervical cancer
- You will find all the information you need enclosed, or at sjekkdeg.no

It is important to go to regular cervical screening

Regular cervical screening may detect cell changes before they develop into cervical cancer. Cell changes are not the same as cervical cancer and usually do not give symptoms. Cell changes can be easily treated. Half of the women who develop cervical cancer have rarely or never attended cervical screening..

It is recommended that women between the ages of 25 and 69 should go for regular cervical screening. The aim is to prevent cervical cancer that affects women of any age. Please visit www.sjekkdeg.no for information on the advantages and disadvantages of cervical screening.

Best regards,

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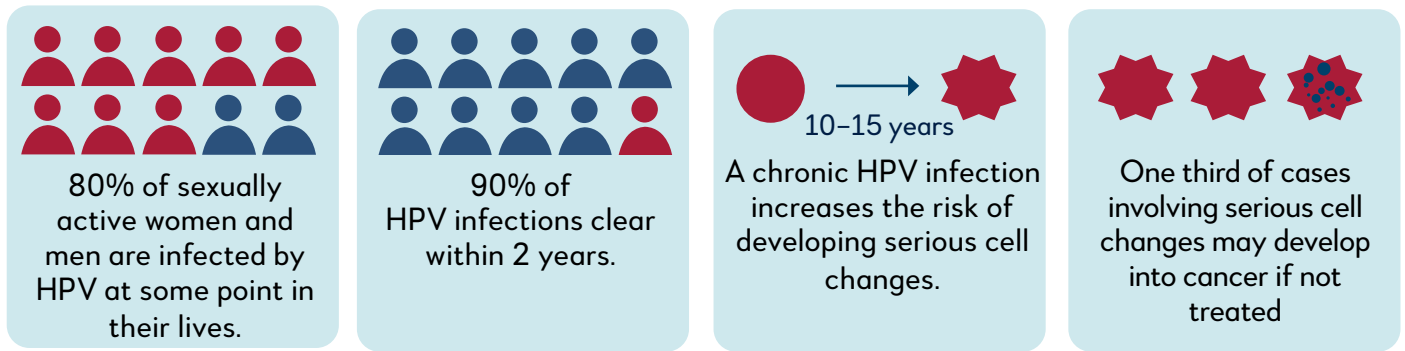
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Head of CervicalScreen Norway

For further information, please see reverse



HPV is the cause of cervical cancer

Serious cell changes and cervical cancer are most often caused by a long-term infection by the human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection.



How do I take a cervical screening test?

The test is conducted during a gynaecological examination that only takes a few minutes. It shouldn't hurt, but sometimes it can be a bit uncomfortable. Your sample will then be sent to a laboratory for HPV testing. Your doctor will usually receive the results within a month. If the test results are abnormal, the doctor is responsible for providing you with information and referring you for further follow-up. If the test results are normal, it is recommended that you take a new test in five years. CervicalScreen Norway will send you a reminder when it's time for a new test.

No cervical screening test is 100% reliable

Regularly attending cervical screening reduces the risk of developing cervical cancer significantly, but serious cell changes may remain undetected for various reasons. Even if your test result is normal, it is important that you contact your doctor immediately if you experience symptoms such as persistent irregular bleeding, bleeding after intercourse, abnormal discharge, or persistent abdominal pain.

Your GP takes the cervical screening test

Contact your regular GP's office to book an appointment. Contact your regular GP's office to book an appointment. Some women find it awkward to take this kind of test with their GP. If this applies to you, talk to your doctor's office about alternatives. It is often possible to take the test with another doctor in the same office. In special cases, it may be possible to get a referral to a gynaecologist. You have to pay a deductible fee for the examination.

Important considerations before the cervical screening test


Avoid taking the test during menstruation. Avoid the use of tampons, all types of vaginal creams and medicines 24 hours before the test, as these may lead to incorrect test results.

Reservation and privacy

The Cancer Registry of Norway stores information about your test results. You have the right to object to the storage of information related to normal results in the Cancer Registry. You also have the right to object to the sharing of your test result history with healthcare professionals who request access to it when treating you. You can request access to your personal information stored at the Cancer Registry.



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