



5 Reasons to Get Screened For Cervical Cancer



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***Your health.** By getting screened, you set an example and pave the way for others in your circle to do so as well.*

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Screening tests can find abnormal cells before they turn into cancer.

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Most women don't need a Pap test every year! In fact, most women get Pap tests every 3 years. See the reverse side of this page for more information.

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If cervical cancer is caught at the earliest stage, the chance of survival is more than 85 percent.

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Cervical cancer is the easiest gynecologic cancer to prevent with regular screening tests and especially with the HPV vaccine.



Did you know?

- Guam's women overall had nearly **two** times the cervical cancer (invasive cases only) incidence rate (13.4 per 100,000) compared to the U.S. (7.6 per 100,000).
- Invasive cervical cancer incidence rates (new cases) for Micronesian women (39.8 per 100,000) was **five times higher**, and for Chamorro women (14.34 per 100,000) was **two times higher** than the national average.
- **13.4%** (1.3 in 10) of all women diagnosed with cancer had cervical cancer, making cervical cancer the 2nd leading cancer among women (new cases).
- In the 2015 National Immunization Survey (NIS-Teen), Guam's HPV vaccine 3-dose completion rate for females (13-17 years of age) was **37.0%** vs. 41.9% for the US overall, and for males (13-17 years of age) **22.4%** vs. the US rate of 28.1% .