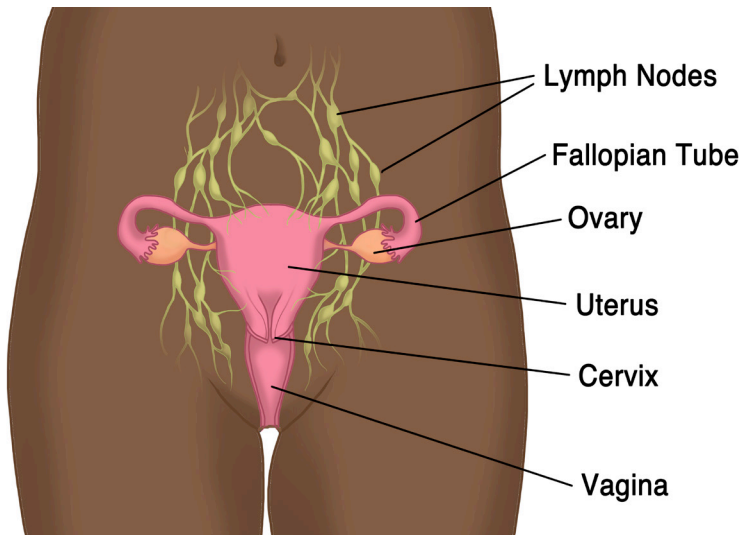


Cervical Cancer Screening

Questions to Ask Your Doctor



Cervical cancer can affect women of all ages.

Most cases of cervical cancer are easily preventable with regular screening tests and follow up. Beginning at age 18, start to talk with your doctor about cervical cancer screening.

Here are some questions to ask about cervical cancer screening. These questions can help you make important decisions about your health.

Also, you may want to bring a family member or friend with you to your doctor appointment. That person can help you ask questions and write down the information that the doctor gives you.

1. Am I at an increased risk for cervical cancer? What are the possible symptoms?

2. What screening test(s) do you recommend for me? At what age should I have those tests?

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If you are having a Pap smear or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) test you will want to know:

3. What is involved in the test(s)? Will it hurt? Is the test safe?

4. Where can I get the test(s) done? Who will do the test(s)?

5. How do I prepare for the test(s)? When should I schedule the screening test?

6. When will I be contacted with the results? Who will contact me?

Where can I get more information?

The National Cancer Institute provides accurate and up-to-date information about clinical trials, cancer types, prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and end of life care.

Phone: 1-800-4CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

Website: www.cancer.gov



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