



CERVICAL CANCER

Cervical cancer is the easiest gynecologic cancer to prevent through screening.

What is Cervical Cancer?

Cervical cancer is the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells in the cervix. Most cervical cancers are squamous cell carcinomas.

Risk Factors

- Women who began have sexual intercourse before age 18
- Women who have had many sexual partners
- History of sexually transmitted diseases
- Smoking
- Women whose mothers were given the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES) during pregnancy to prevent miscarriage (This drug was used for this purpose from 1940 to 1970.)
- Women whose immune system is weakened

Symptoms

- Abnormal bleeding
- Bleeding after menopause
- Increased vaginal discharge
- Pain during intercourse

**Regular Pap tests aid in the prevention of cervical cancer.
See your doctor if you have any symptoms or notice unusual changes in your health.**