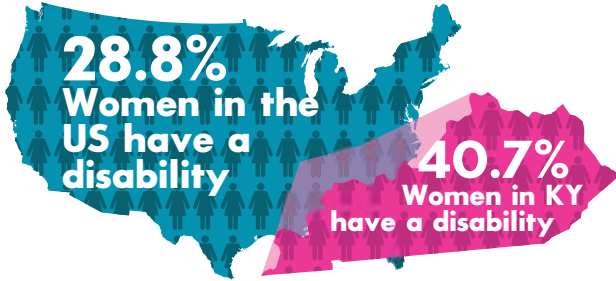
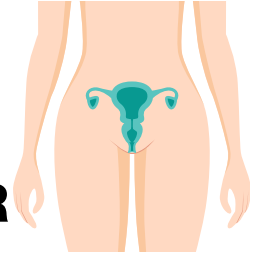


Cervical Health & Cancer



KENTUCKY has the **6TH HIGHEST** rate of **CERVICAL CANCER** in the United States



20% of disabled women are **NOT** up to date on cervical cancer screening



Hispanic women have the highest rate of developing cervical cancer.

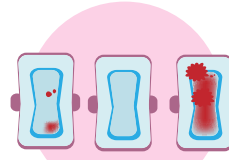
Black women have the highest rate of dying from cervical cancer.

*Source for all data: (CDC 2020)

Signs and Symptoms

Cervical cancer is slow growing and may not show signs, which is why regular screenings are important.

Advanced cervical cancer may cause

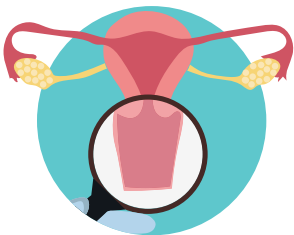


Abnormal bleeding or discharge from the vagina



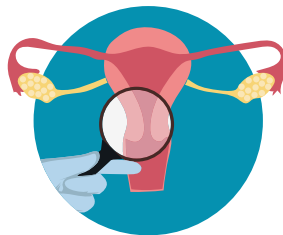
Unusual bleeding after sex

Key Terms



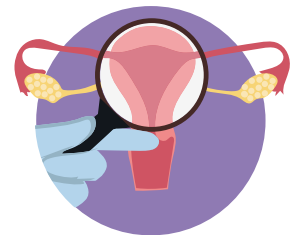
Vagina

Muscular tube leading from the outside genitals to the cervix



Cervix

Lower, narrow end of the uterus that forms a path between the uterus and vagina



Uterus/Womb

Pear-shaped organ between a woman's hip bones



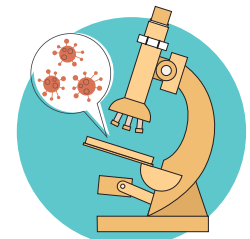
OB/GYN

A doctor who specializes in women's health



PAP Smear/ Test

Looks for precancer or abnormal cells on the cervix



HPV

Human Papilloma Virus

The germ that causes most cervical cancers; it can be passed during sex

Risk Factors



Anyone with a cervix, regardless of age

Increased contact with HPV through:

- Multiple sex partners
- Unprotected sex (no condom)

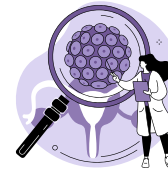


Having HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)



Not getting the HPV vaccine

Not getting screened regularly



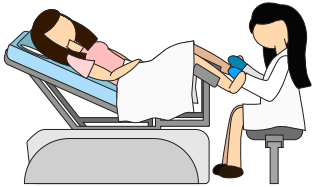
Not following up after an abnormal test result

Smoking tobacco

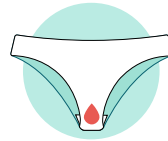
- Smoking **DOUBLES** your risk



How is Cervical Cancer found?



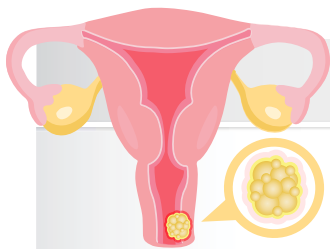
Getting routine pap and HPV tests



Contact a healthcare provider if you notice abnormal bleeding or discharge from your vagina



A healthcare professional will do a screening to see if further testing is needed



Regular cervical cancer screenings can PREVENT cervical cancer from ever developing!

Screenings can help find abnormal cells before they become cancer

If uninsured, contact the Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program
(844) 249-0708
or visit www.bit.ly/KWCSPscreening

Contact a local provider:

add local clinic or organization here

The information on this resource is from the [American Cancer Society](#), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), and the [Kentucky Cancer Program](#).

Additional Resources
Scan QR code or visit bit.ly/WomensHealthResources

