



MYTHS VERSUS FACTS ABOUT

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING



Myth (I do not need cervical screening because)

I am healthy and do not have any symptoms

I am no longer sexually active

I have only had 1 sexual partner

I am in a same-sex relationship

I have been through menopause/ I am
older/ I am past my child bearing age

I have had a hysterectomy (uterus removed)

I don't identify myself as female

I have had the HPV vaccination

Fact (But the fact is)



A screening test can find abnormal cells that
can be treated before they turn into cancer

If you have ever been sexually active,
regular cervical screening is required.
Any HPV transmitted through prior
sexual contact can stay 10 to 15 years
in your body and can cause cancer.

Women can get HPV even having only
one sexual partner. There is also a higher
risk for developing cervical cancer if your
partner has had many sexual partners.

HPV is transmitted through direct genital
skin-to-skin contact, so even if you have only
had sex with women, you are still at risk.

If you are between 21 and 69 years and
have ever been sexually active, regular
cervical screening is required.

Talk to your healthcare provider to
find out if your cervix is still intact.

Anyone who has an intact cervix
needs regular cervical screening.

The HPV vaccine does not protect against
all types of HPV that cause cervical cancer,
so regular cervical screening is required.

HPV= Human papillomavirus