

## Get Screened for Cervical Cancer

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING YOUR PAP TEST

A message from CalViva Health and the American Cancer Society.



### What Is a Pap Test?

A Pap test can detect signs of cancer at an early stage. During this test, your doctor will check your cervix (lower part of your uterus, or womb) for abnormal cells.

#### Need a reason to get your Pap test?

**HERE ARE THREE GOOD ONES!** 

For your health!

A Pap test can help find cervical cancer, before you start to feel sick.

It is very important to get screened:

- even if you do not have signs or symptoms,
- even if you live a healthy lifestyle, and
- even if cancer does not run in your family.

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#### For your peace of mind!

- Finding cancer early can be a good thing.
- Your chance of survival is higher if found at an early stage, when it is small and easier to treat.

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#### For your family!

- If you find cancer early and start treatment, you can get healthy sooner.
- Do not wait until you feel sick.

## When Do You Need a Pap Test?

Talk to your doctor about how often you need to have your Pap test done. Here are the guidelines for most people:

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Get a Pap test every 3 years.

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Get a Pap test and an HPV<sup>2</sup> test **every 5 years.** 

Anytime you feel a change or something concerns you about your cervix, talk with your doctor.

# What to Expect During Your Pap Test.

The first step is to schedule a visit to your doctor's office. Here are some things to keep in mind.

- During your Pap test, you will only be undressed from the waist down for 10-15 minutes.
- Your doctor wants you to feel comfortable. You can stop the screening at any time.
- · Your Pap test is a covered service.





Schedule your Pap test today.

Call the phone number on the back of your CalViva Health member ID card for help to schedule your screening.

<sup>2</sup>Human Papillomavirus (HPV) test is a screening that detects the presence of HPV, the virus that causes cervical cancer.



### What's Next?

If you are unsure if you're due for a Pap test, talk to your doctor today. He or she can help you decide when to get your Pap test, and how often to get the test; it can differ by your age and family history.



If you know you are due for your Pap test, schedule it today! If you need help setting up a doctor visit, call the phone number on the back of your CalViva Health member ID card.

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