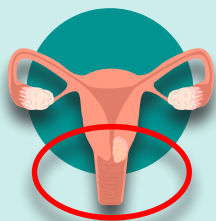
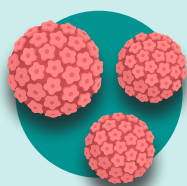


Cervical cancer screening

Preventive **vaccination** and **screening**: the best ways to protect yourself.



Cervical cancer affects the lower part of the uterus. The fourth most common cancer among young women aged 25 to 44.



90% of cases are linked to the human papillomavirus (HPV), a widespread virus that is transmitted through intimate contact.



Combination of preventive vaccination and screening offers the best protection. Vaccination is available up to the age of 26 - speak to your doctor for more information.

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What ?
Who ?
How much ?

Screening

The doctor takes a vaginal smear. This only takes a few minutes.

For whom ?

Screening is recommended for all women aged 25 to 64.

- **Age 25 to 29:** smear test with cytological analysis every three years.
- **Age 30 to 64:** smear test with HPV testing every five years.
- **From age 65:** if no reimbursed test has been carried out in the past ten years, a smear test with co-testing (cytology and HPV) is reimbursed.

Important: Screening is recommended even if the patient has been vaccinated against HPV.

How much does it cost ?

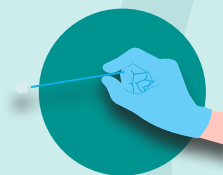
The test is free if carried out according to the recommendations (see "For whom?"). The patient only pays for the consultation.

Where ?
How ?

Where can you get screened ?

General practitioner and gynaecologists offer cervical cancer screening. To find a doctor, visit doctorbrussels.be

What happens during the examination ?



The doctor performs a smear test and collects a few cells from the cervix. This sample is then sent to a laboratory for analysis.



Results are sent to the doctor within 14 days. If the test detects an abnormality, your doctor may prescribe additional tests.

The results are also available at <https://brusselshealthnetwork.be>

More information ?

Talk to your general practitioner or gynaecologist.



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