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Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer affects 1 out of every 41 South African women and kills approximately 8 every day. ¹

Cervical cancer is caused by infection with certain types of Human Papilloma Virus (high-risk HPV).

What other factors increase the risk for cervical cancer:

- Smoking
- Sexual activity at a young age
- Multiple sexual partners or a partner who has had multiple sexual partners
- A weakened immune system, e.g. due to HIV

Infection with high-risk HPV does not cause symptoms until cancer has already developed.

With appropriate testing, cervical cancer is preventable and curable.

Don't delay! Have your pap smear and HPV testing done today!



Speak to your health care provider about testing.

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SUPPORTING WOMEN WITH *CERVICAL* CANCER

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