

Pap Smears

- ▶ The Pap smear is a test for cervical cancer (cancer of the cervix...the opening to the womb).
- ▶ The Pap smear should be part of a regular medical checkup for all women ages 18 and older.
- ▶ Cervical cancer is almost 100 percent curable, if found early with a Pap smear.
- ▶ A woman can have cervical cancer and have no symptoms.
- ▶ Older women have a greater chance of getting cervical cancer.
- ▶ Women who have had a hysterectomy may still need to get a Pap smear. Check with your doctor.
- ▶ Women who smoke are more likely to get cervical cancer.

This information is general. If your doctor tells you something different, follow his or her instructions.

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