

JANUARY 2018 CANCER AWARENESS

Cervical Cancer



January is Cervical Health Awareness Month
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Cervical cancer usually develops gradually over time. Before cancer appears in the cervix, the cells of the cervix go through changes known as dysplasia, in which abnormal cells begin to appear in the cervical tissue. Over time, the abnormal cells may develop into cancer cells and start to grow and spread more deeply into the cervix and to the surrounding areas.

Screening tests offer the best chance to have cervical cancer found at an early stage when successful treatment is most likely to occur. Screening can also actually prevent most cervical cancers by finding abnormal cervix cell changes (pre-cancers) so that they can be treated before they have a chance to turn into a cervical cancer.

If it's detected early, cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treatable cancers. In the United States, the cervical cancer death rate declined by more than 50% over the last 30 years. This is thought to be mainly due to the effectiveness of Pap test screening.

<http://www.nccc-online.org/>

National Cervical Cancer Coalition

<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cervicalcancer/>

American Cancer Society- Cervical Cancer

<http://www.cancer.gov/types/cervical>

National Cancer Institute-Cervical Cancer

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Centers for Disease Control-Cervical Cancer

