

All you need to know about: cervical cancer

Cervical cancer screening is essential for prevention and early detection. Doctors recommend that women start getting pap tests at age 21, and continue every few years based on their age and medical history



The main cause of cervical cancer is a virus called human papillomavirus (HPV). Photograph used for representational purposes only | Photo Credit: Getty Images

The cervix is the lower part of the uterus that connects to the vagina. Cervical cancer starts when the cells in the cervix begin to grow abnormally. These changes in the cells often take years to develop, which is why regular check-ups are very important. Early changes, known as precancerous conditions, can be detected through a routine pap smear.

Cervical cancer is a major health issue for women around the world. However, it is one of the easiest cancers to prevent and treat if diagnosed early. With the right knowledge about its causes, symptoms, and prevention, women can deduce the risk of cervical cancer.

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