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PAPtest

Are you a woman between the ages of 25 and 64? We would like to invite you to safeguard your health. With a simple free test you can prevent cervical cancer!

Cervical cancer develops slowly and, if not treated in time, could lead to serious life and health consequences.

When in the first stages, a simple gynecological visit may not be sufficient, but this type of cancer could be detected through a PAP TEST.

What is cervical cancer screening?

Every woman between the ages of 25 and 64 is sent a letter every three years with an invitation to undergo a PAP TEST.

This test allows to recognize this type of cancer even if symptoms have not occurred and also detects any alterations that are not yet tumor related but, if ignored, could become cancer. In this case, any required treatment will be less invasive and traumatic and could lead to faster recovery and a return to a healthy life.

What is a PAP Test?

A PAP Test is simple and painless and only requires a few minutes to perform. It consists in collecting material (cells) from the cervix with a small spatula or endocervical brush that is then observed under a microscope.

This test is performed by female health personnel (obstetricians).

Additional useful information:

- A Pap Test cannot be performed during a menstrual cycle.
- Do not use ovules, vaginal creams, or douches for five days before the test.
- Do not have sexual intercourse 24 hours before the test.
- A written request from your physician is not required.
- Every phase of the screening procedure undergoes frequent quality control inspections.

In several cases, lesions of the cervix may not be detected even if present. Take into consideration that tumor related lesions do not often evolve into more serious lesions and can heal spontaneously.

What is the cost of this test?

The Pap Test, and any subsequent treatment, is free for women who receive a letter of invitation from the AUSL (Local Health Unit) to undergo this test.

When and how is the test result communicated?

The test result, if negative (if there are no signs of cancer) is communicated through a letter sent at home within one (1) month after the test is performed.

If there are uncertainties or problems involved, a telephone call will be made to plan other visits and tests.

ALL THESE REASONS ARE WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERGO A PAP TEST, EVEN IF YOU FEEL HEALTHY.
THE PAP TEST IS FREE, SIMPLE TO PERFORM AND COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE.

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