

Pap-arazzi

Keeping the spotlight on cervical cancer screening



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Let's talk up Paps

Pap Awareness Weeks (catchy name still TBD) are going to roll through BC from late May to mid-June. An awareness campaign in conjunction with drop-in clinic hours at partner clinics are intended to prompt more women to go for regular Pap tests. Advocates like you are key to the success of this event.

Here are some ways to get involved:

- E-mail our e-flyer to all your contacts
- Tell women about the event
- Offer to put up posters in your community
- Organize a social or education event, or arrange childcare or transportation (some funding is available)
- Host a drop-in clinic

For more information, visit www.bccancer.bc.ca/papweeks

e-mail ccsp@bccancer.bc.ca

or call Anne at 604-877-6000 x4622

Community Grants Fund – Round 2

The Cervical Screening Program (CCSP) and Screening Mammography Program are making funding available to not-for-profit groups with ideas for building awareness and knowledge of cancer screening, and for enhancing women's capacity to participate in these programs.

The next application deadline is coming up on June 15. For the overview and application, go to: www.bccancer.bc.ca/screening

Here's an example of one of the 10 projects funded in the first round:

Island Sexual Health Society is partnering with First Nations communities in the Saanich Peninsula to develop services that reflect the cultural diversity and meet the specific needs of First Nations women. The pilot project will start with an education program on reserve, followed by clinic services at the health unit and Camosun College. Island Sexual Health Society hopes to make cervical screening services that address the traditional beliefs, values and practices of local First Nations women available on an ongoing basis.

Landmark HPV cervical cancer screening study

The HPV FOCAL Study is still welcoming enthusiastic, committed Family Physician and Nurse Practitioner collaborators from Victoria and Metro Vancouver. This important women's health study is based on global research. It is evaluating HPV testing as the primary tool for cervical cancer screening, compared to the Pap test alone. If you know any family physicians or nurse practitioners who would like to invite women from their practice to participate in this groundbreaking BC study, please contact us at:

hpvfocal@bccancer.bc.ca

Postcards, posters, pamphlets only a call, fax or e-mail away

If you have opportunities to offer information about Pap screening to women, we'd be pleased to put some of our resource materials in the mail to you. Send an e-mail to ccsp@bccancer.bc.ca or fax in the order form. You can find it, along with the e-versions of all our materials, under 'Resources' on the CCSP pages of the BC Cancer Agency website:

www.bccancer.bc.ca/PPI/Screening/Cervical/resources.htm

Stories, ideas, suggestions and questions are always welcome at CCSP.

Please send them our way –

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I finally did it!

I do it every two years.

I'm going to do it next week.



Pap tests –

make it a healthy habit.

www.bccancer.bc.ca/cervicalscreening

Pap Awareness Weeks 2009

May 25 to 30:

**Northern BC +
Vancouver Island**

June 1 to 6:

Interior + Kootenays

June 8 to 13:

**Metro Vancouver +
Coastal Region**