

After Your Cervical Cancer Screening What Happens Next?



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Your results will be sent to your doctor within four weeks.



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WEEKS



IF YOUR RESULTS ARE NORMAL

You should be tested again in three years unless your doctor tells you otherwise.

IF YOUR RESULTS ARE ABNORMAL

Don't be alarmed. Abnormal cervical cancer screening results are common and do not mean you have cancer:

- An abnormal result means that cells have been found on your cervix that do not look normal.
- It is important to discuss the result with your doctor and attend all follow-up appointments for tests or treatment.

www.screeningbc.ca/cervix

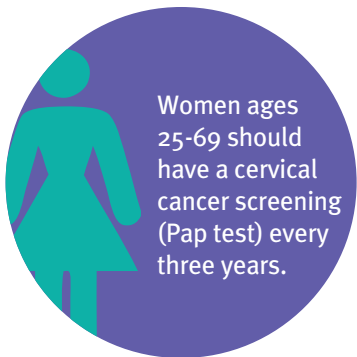
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Women ages 25-69 should have a cervical cancer screening (Pap test) every three years.

Screening can find abnormal cells in the cervix, which, if treated early, can stop the cancer from developing.

By having a cervical cancer screening every three years you can reduce your risk of cervical cancer by 70%.

In addition to screening every three years, you should look out for any unusual changes to your body. Check for any abnormal bleeding, persistent discharge or pain after sex. If you notice anything unusual, talk to your doctor.