Things you need to know before you have a cervical screening test

Cervical screening tests help stop cervical cancer. Cervical cancer happens in the cervix. The cervix is a body part inside the body, near the vagina.

"Before my cervical screening test" is a PDF written with people with intellectual disability. The PDF says what a cervical screening test is and:

- when to get the test
- how to do the test
- who should have the test
- how to make an appointment
- who can come to the appointment, like a trusted person
- how to ask for a female or male doctor or nurse.

Knowing this information can help you feel ready for a cervical screening test.

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We trust this resource because it is:

- Made with people with intellectual disability
- Made to help, not for profit
- Made by people who know a lot about the topic
- Made in Australia

We've checked this resource, and you can follow our guide to know if health information is true and right for you.

This resource is part of a series

Cervical screening tests

Your cervix is at the top of your vagina. It is inside your body. You can choose to have a cervical screening test to check that your cervix is healthy.

All people with a cervix from age 25 to 74 should have a cervical screening test. These are the ages that people might get cervical cancer. If doctors see changes in your cervix, they can often fix them. These changes can cause cancer if nothing is done.

Some people worry about the cervical screening test. These resources say what happens before, during and after the test. Knowing what to expect can help you worry less.

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