

# CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS

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## What is Cervical Cancer?

When cancer starts in the cervix, it is called cervical cancer. All women are at risk for cervical cancer. It occurs most often in women over age 30. Long-lasting infection with certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer.

**570,000**

new cases reported in 2018



## Facts you need to know about Cervical Cancer



**75 %**

of cervical cancers can be prevented by cervical screening



**9**

women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every day



**2**

Women lose their lives to the disease every day



**<50**

Most cases of cervical cancer are at ages under 50 years old

## Why is Screening Important?

Screening tests and the HPV vaccine can help prevent cervical cancer. When cervical cancer is found early, it is highly treatable and associated with long survival and good quality of life.

Cervical cancer used to be the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. However, in the past 40 years, the number of cases of cervical cancer and the number of deaths from cervical cancer have decreased significantly. This decline largely is the result of many women getting regular Pap tests, which can find cervical pre cancer before it turns into cancer.