



# Outreach of the Month:



Information for Your Patients

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**CERVICAL CANCER**

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### Have you postponed a doctor appointment or cancer screening during the pandemic?

- Twenty-six percent of all women surveyed did not schedule a cervical cancer screening during the pandemic, and nearly a quarter of women (24%) ages 40 to 60 say it's been more than 36 months since their last appointment with their OB/GYN.

### Early detection saves lives

- Routine cancer screening detects cancer early (even if you have no signs or symptoms!) and increases the likelihood your treatment will be successful.

Cervical cancer usually does not show symptoms until later stages. Pelvic exams, Pap tests, and HPV tests are key to early detection.

Cervical cancer is the easiest gynecologic cancer to prevent, with regular screening tests and follow-up. Two screening tests can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early—

- **The Pap test (or Pap smear)** looks for *precancers*, cell changes on the cervix that might become cervical cancer if they are not treated appropriately.
- **The HPV test** looks for the virus (human papillomavirus) that can cause these cell changes.

*Call your PCP today to schedule your early detection screening!*

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