

A PAP TEST COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE



WHY SHOULD I GET SCREENED FOR CERVICAL CANCER?

- Regular Pap test screening CAN prevent cervical cancer or find it early.
- Most abnormal cell changes found on a Pap test are due to HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) which, if left untreated, may develop into cervical cancer.
- Thousands of cervical cancer cases are prevented and lives saved each year because of cervical screening in Canada.
- Cervical cancer can be present in a woman without her feeling any symptoms.
- Pap test screening remains important for women who have had the HPV vaccine and for post menopausal women.

DO I NEED TO BE SCREENED?

WHO	Women who have ever been sexually active between the ages of 21-69.
WHEN	In general, most women can have a Pap test once every three years after having three negative Pap tests.
HOW	Call your primary health-care provider OR a Pap test clinic to schedule an appointment.
QUESTIONS	For questions or concerns about the NB Cervical Cancer Prevention and Screening Program, call 1-844-777-3443 .

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- The NB Cervical Cancer Screening Prevention program aims to encourage women aged 21-69 to participate in regular Pap test screening.
- Women getting Pap tests are automatically participants of the program.
- The participant's Pap test results are sent to the program and their **responsible primary health-care provider who will continue to care for them and advise them of their results**.
- The program collects and uses ONLY the information required as part of monitoring and communicating with women about their cervical cancer screening information.
- Women between the ages of 21-69 with no record of having had a Pap test will be invited by the program.
- The program may send letters to women and to primary health-care providers when screening or follow-up is overdue.
- Women who get Pap tests regularly may never receive a letter.

OTHER CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMS

New Brunswick also has population-based screening programs for **breast** and **colon** cancer.

For more information about any of these programs, visit www.gnb.ca/health.



Schedule your **PAP Test** today!

Date: _____

Time: _____