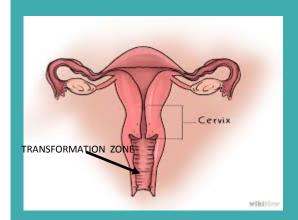
What is cancer?

- DNA is partially inherited from your parents, partially affected by your health choices and partially affected by your environment
- When a cell is cancerous the DNA that regulates its life has becomes damaged in some way which results in the cell reproducing more than necessary.



What is cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is just the cancer of the cervix. The cervix is the "neck" of the uterus which is where a fetus would grow in the event of pregnancy. The cervix has 2 types of cells. The place where these 2 types of cells overlap in the cervix is called the **transformation zone**.

<u>This information was retrieved from cancer.org please visit the</u>
<u>website for more information!</u>

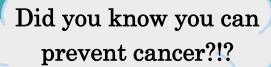
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The Complete Guide to Cervical Cancer



Cervical cancer deaths 50% thanks to regular pap tests.



African-American women develop cervical cancer about

HPV is a virus that is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

How can you prevent cervical cancer?

- Vaccination
 - ~ Before becoming sexually active
 - ~Gardasil or Cervarix
- Practice safe sex
 - ~Barrier methods



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Regular Screenings

~HPV Test ~Pap Test

Catch pre-cancer before it becomes cancer!

What is a risk factor? ... A

characteristic that increases the likelihood an individual will contract an infection or get a disease. It doesn't guarantee that the individual will get the disease but it definitely increases the likelihood.

The main cause for cervical cancer is a virus called HPV...

Other Risk Factors Include



Smoking...

Carcinogens amplify the effect of an HPV infection in cervical cells.

Other STIs...

- Chlamydia
- HIV/AIDS





Family History...

- cervical cancer if an immediate family member has been diagnosed.
- Some research suggest that a body's inability to fight off a HPV

infection may be an inheritable trait.





PAP TESTS AND FOLLOWING UP ON ANY ABNORMAL RESULTS.