

# Cervical Screening



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## What is Cervical Screening

A **Cervical Screening** checks if your cervix is healthy. It checks for early signs that cancer might develop. This means you can have treatment to stop you getting cancer.



All women between the ages of 25 and 64 are asked to go for cervical screening. This used to be called a smear test.



If you are aged between 25 to 49, you will be invited to cervical screening every 3 years.



If you are aged between 50 and 64, you will be invited to cervical screening every 5 years.



## What happens?

The test should not hurt but maybe slightly uncomfortable. Try to relax and not worry.



The doctor will use something called a speculum to open your vagina so that they can see your cervix.

They will use a small brush to take some *cells* from your cervix. *Cells* are the tiny **building blocks that make up people's body**.



The cells that are on the brush will be sent for testing.



## What happens next?

You will be informed of the results. This may take a few weeks.





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