

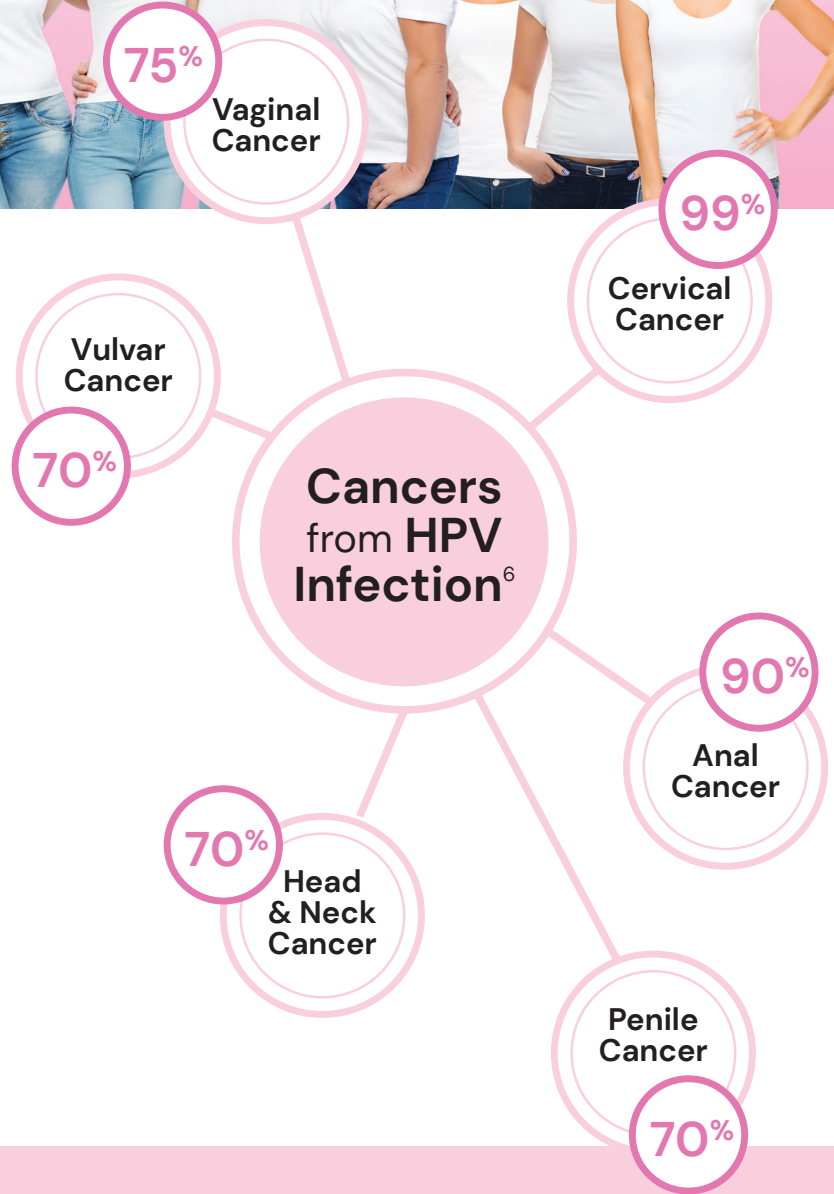


[Self] Screening can Prevent Cancer & Save Lives¹

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease (STD) and globally, the 4th most common cancer in women.¹

The goal of cervical screening is to find cervical diseases, pre-cancer, or cancer early when it is more easily treatable. Regular screening can prevent cervical cancer and save lives. According to the American Society for Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), screening is recommended for all women starting at age 21 through 65.

High-risk HPVs cause about 5% of all cancers worldwide.⁶ The World Health Organization recommends HPV DNA NAATs (molecular testing). HPV DNA NAATs detect the presence of the virus by detecting the viral DNA.⁸



Low-Risk HPV



High-Risk HPV

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| Rarely Causes Cancer | ◆ | May Causes Cancer |
| Causes genital warts | ◆ | Does not cause genital warts |
| Has outward symptoms | ◆ | No outward symptoms |
| Affects men & women | ◆ | Affects men & women |

HPVs are 150 Related Viruses

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Can be spread by direct skin to skin sexual contact (including vaginal, anal or oral sex).

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Are classified as high risk HPV types (HPV types 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66, and 68).²

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HPV 16& 18 account for more than 70% of all cervical cancers.

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HPV 16, 18, & 45 are associated with over 95% of adenocarcinomas cancers.*



Screening is an Important part of Prevention



Used for nearly 80 years to look for abnormal changes in cells.

Cervical cancer is a leading cause of mortality among women. An estimated 604,000 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer worldwide and about 342,000 women died from the disease (2020).²

Cervical cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in 23 countries and is the leading cause of cancer death in 36 countries.³

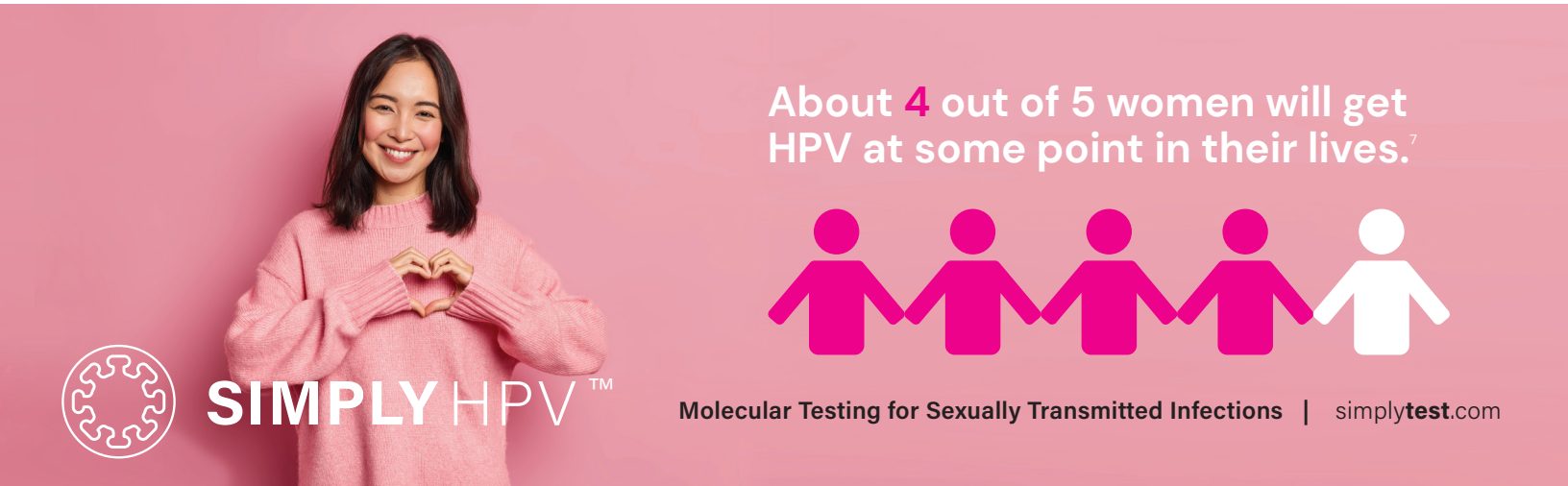
Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable and treatable cancers if detected early.⁴



Uses modern molecular diagnostic technology to detect DNA of high-risk HPV to identify a women's risk for pre-cancer or cancer.

A Pap test only screens for cervical cancer. It does not screen for any other gynecological cancer or detect HPV. HPV testing is detecting the virus responsible for precancerous cell changes as well as cervical cancer.⁵

The purpose of HPV testing is to detect the presence of high-risk HPV types associated with high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions (HSIL) and cervical cancer. Molecular HPV testing is considered a useful tool for predicting which women are at the greatest risk of recurrence.



About **4** out of 5 women will get HPV at some point in their lives.⁷



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