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Clinic Referral Facilitator
or Primary Counsellor
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CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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Get the facts about Cervical Cancer

- ❖ **What is cervical cancer?** Cancer of mouth of womb caused by Human Papilloma Virus which is sexually transmitted
Because HPV usually has no symptoms, many people have it for months or years without knowing it.
Your body fights off most HPV infections naturally, but about 1 in 10 infections are harder to get rid of
- ❖ **Why Target Women Living with HIV 30-49yrs?**
Risk of developing cancer is 4-5 times higher and cancer also progresses more rapidly in WLHIV
- ❖ **Are there any symptoms?** There are usually no symptoms with changes in cervical cells and sometimes there are no symptoms with early-stage cervical cancer. The good news is that screening can detect abnormalities, which can be treated before cancer develops

Your Risk of Cervical Cancer can increase if

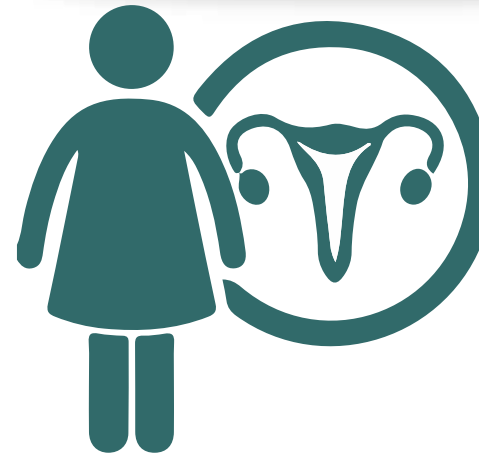
- ❖ **you are or have ever been sexually active**
Many people have HPV infection for months or years without knowing it. So it's important that you are screened regularly if you have ever been sexually active
- ❖ **you smoke**— smoking affects the cells in your cervix, thus exposing you to cervical cancer
- ❖ **you have used vaginal herbs**

Understanding VIAC Screening

- ❖ **What is Visual Inspection with Acetic acid and Cervicography (VIAC)?** Cervical cancer screening method based on visual inspection of the mouth of womb after application of 3-5% acetic acid to detect abnormalities that may become cancer if untreated. Cervicography involves taking a digital picture of mouth of the womb
- ❖ **Why VIAC?** It is a see and treat method hence results are immediately available and treatment can be offered on the same visit

Screening is a simple and painless same day service

It can pick up changes to your cells even if you look and feel healthy and have no symptoms.



Every woman above 18 years should be screened for Cervical Cancer.

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Stop Cervical Cancer Before it Starts
Remember-If detected early, Cervical Cancer can be treated