

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to be examined if I feel healthy?

Yes, you can't feel cell changes.

Last time I was examined the test was normal. Do I have to be examined again so soon?

Yes. It's important to find the cell changes before they turn into cancer. That's why it's important to be examined regularly even if the last test was normal.

What about the examination if I'm pregnant?

The cells in the cervix look different during a pregnancy. If you're pregnant you should wait a couple of months after giving birth before you are examined.

Does it hurt when the cell sample is taken from the cervix?

It varies from woman to woman how they experience the examination. Some feel nothing while others feel a certain discomfort.

Do I need to be examined when I'm still quite young?

Yes. Cervical cancer strikes both young and old women. Half of the women who get cervical cancer are under the age of 50.

What happens if I have cell changes?

There are different stages of cell changes. Some need treatment, others you observe. That's why you need further examination at your GP or a gynaecologist.

What if I'm scared of the examination because I'm scared of having cancer?

Some women are very shocked if they have cell changes. But it's very important to remember that cell changes are not cancer, and they can be treated before they develop.

Why are the women offered to be examined for cell changes?

Because cell changes can be discovered by screening and in that way cervical cancer can be prevented.

Can I be ill even if the test is normal?

No tests are 100% accurate. If you get symptoms from your womb between the examinations you can always consult your GP.

If I have been injected against cervical cancer do I need to be examined?

Yes, even if you have been injected the cell sample is important. The vaccine does not cover all HPV vira which cause cervical cancer.