

## 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 to 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.