

# HPV & Cervical Cancer

*How are they related?*

**WIPE  
OUT** *cervical  
cancer*  
ALABAMA

# HPV Facts

HPV is a virus that causes nearly all cervical cancers, over 90% (Human papillomavirus)

It causes other cancers too: head & neck, penile, anal, vaginal, and vulvar cancer

Most men and women have the virus; it is very common, but for most people the virus goes away on its own

There is a vaccination that protects you from HPV infection



# The HPV Vaccine is an Anti-Cancer Vaccine

Talk to your doctor and get the vaccine for you and your children today (ages 9 – 26)

## HPV Vaccine Answers



It works better if given at a younger age; children make more antibodies for each dose



Children ages 9-14 need only 2 doses; children 13 and older require three doses



Like all vaccines, HPV vaccine should be given well before any chance of exposure to the virus



The HPV Vaccine does not cause infertility; HPV infection can cause infertility and cancer



There is no medicine to treat HPV infection; although there are treatments for cancer

## THE HPV VACCINE IS EFFECTIVE

*Studies continue to prove it works extremely well.*

## THE HPV VACCINE IS VERY SAFE

*Safety is continuously monitored in the US and over 180 countries around the world. Over 4 million people have not shown any serious side effects following vaccination.*

## THE HPV VACCINE IS LONG-LASTING

*The HPV vaccine has been researched for over 20 years and has proven to be long-lasting against the HPV virus.*

# Did you Know We Can WIPE OUT Cervical Cancer in Alabama?

*Cervical Cancer Can be Eliminated*



## INCREASE HPV VACCINATION:

*Alabama has very low vaccination rates, make an appointment today to vaccinate boys and girls ages 9-26*



## INCREASE CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING:

*Get your HPV/Pap test at least every 3 years; unless your doctor says differently*

## INCREASE FOLLOW UP/TREATMENT APPOINTMENTS

*If your HPV/Pap test is abnormal, be sure to go back to the doctor*



## TELL EVERYONE!

*Everyone has a role in eliminating cervical cancer in Alabama by spreading the word*

# OPERATION WIPE OUT

# CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

*Screening can detect cervical cancer before there are any signs or symptoms*



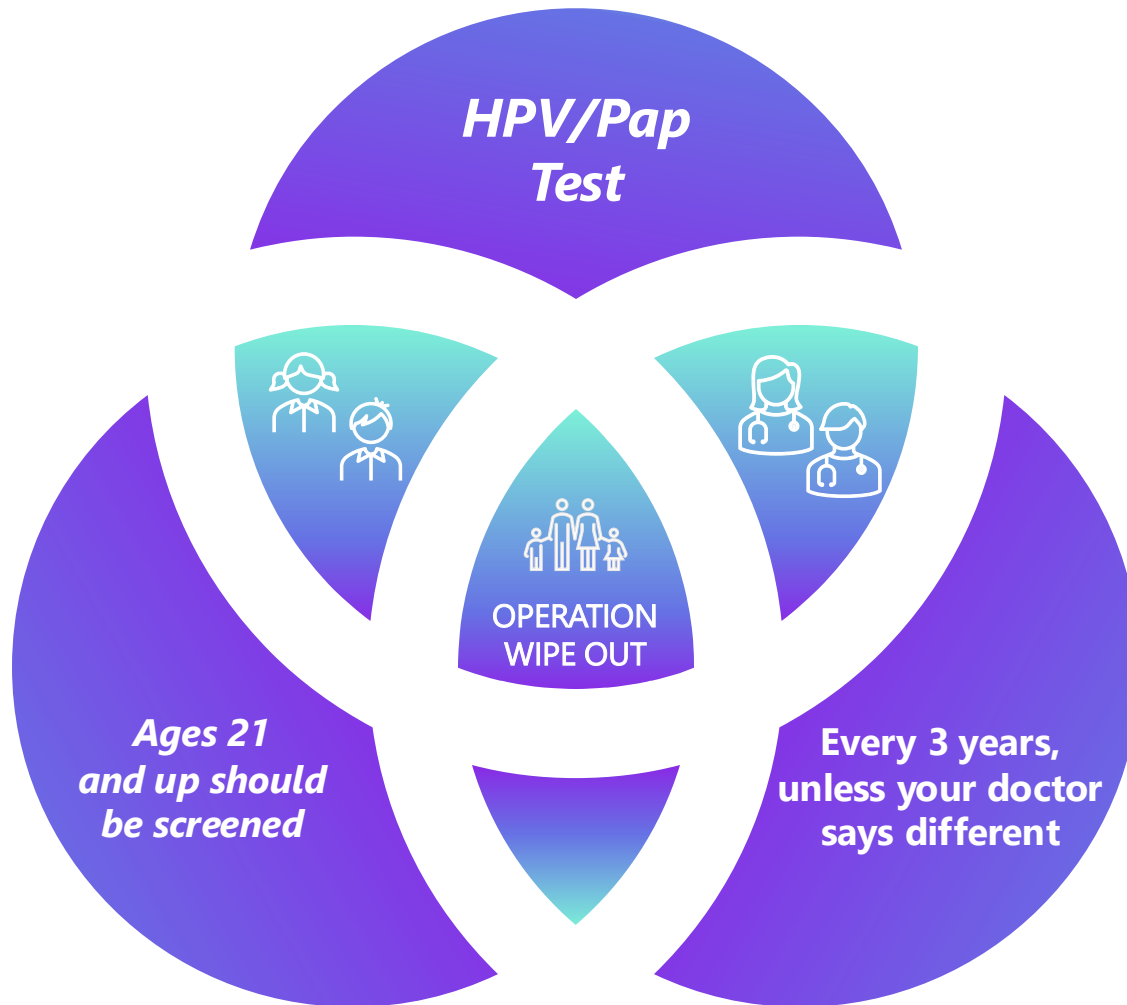
The HPV/Pap co-test is used to determine if you have the HPV virus and whether there are abnormal cells

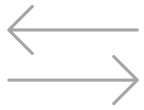


If the HPV/Pap test is abnormal, it is important to go to your doctor for further testing and treatment. Positive results do not mean you have cancer



If you have abnormal cells, or pre-cancer, they can be removed through a colposcopy. Be sure to go back to the doctor





# Thank You

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