

Sierra Women's Health

IF YOU ARE 30 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION OF HAVING AN HPV TEST ALONG WITH YOUR REGULAR PAP SMEAR

SCREENING FOR CERVICAL CANCER

Dear Patient;

At Sierra Women's Health we try to provide our patients with advanced preventive care. We now offer an FDA-approved high-risk HPV (human papillomavirus) test. This new test is a highly sensitive viral test used in conjunction with a Pap test for cervical cancer screening in women aged 30 and older. Persistent infection with high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) is the primary cause of cervical cancer. A few important things to know about HPV and cervical cancer screening:

- Many women will have HPV at some point during their lives but very few will develop cervical cancer.
- Cervical cancer can develop if an HPV infection persists for years.
- The Pap test looks for abnormal cell changes on the cervix that occur as a result of a persistent high-risk HPV infection. The HPV test looks for an HPV infection.
- When used together, these tests can show with nearly 100% certainty that you do NOT have cervical disease. Women who test negative for high-risk HPV, AND have a normal Pap test, have virtually no risk of developing cervical cancer before their next scheduled visit.
- Knowing your HPV status helps you and your provider determine how often you should be screened. Early detection of pre-cancerous cell changes is the key to preventing cervical cancer.
- HPV can lie dormant in cervical cells for months or years before causing disease.

Some insurance companies cover some or all of the cost of the high-risk HPV test when used with a Pap test for cervical cancer screening of women 30 and over. However, the individual benefits you or your employer purchased may or may not cover the test. To learn whether or not this is a covered service, you should call the benefit telephone number shown on your insurance card. Should you elect to have the test and it is not covered by your insurance, you will receive a bill from the laboratory. Our office staff can give you an estimate on the cost of this test, but please keep in mind that actual cost depends on the individual laboratory and may change at any time.

() I have read the above information and AGREE to have the HPV test with my Pap test. I also agree to pay for the HPV test should my insurance not cover the cost.

() I have read the above information and DO NOT wish to have the HPV test done at this time.

Patient Signature

Date

Please Print Your Name