

CERVICAL AND VAGINAL CANCER SCREENING



Hello,

My name is Al Castellanos and I am a licensed insurance agent. Do you know what disease prevention is and why it's important? Well I am here to give you that information. Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. These preventive services can find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can keep you from getting certain diseases.

Cervical and Vaginal Cancer Screening is one of the preventive services that is covered by Medicare.

What is it?

Medicare covers Pap tests and pelvic exams to check for cervical and vaginal cancers. As part of the pelvic exam, Medicare also covers a clinical breast exam to check for breast cancer.

Risk Factors:

Your risk for cervical cancer increases if any of these are true:

- You've had an abnormal Pap test.
- You've had cervical or vaginal cancer in the past.
- You have a history of sexual transmitted disease (including HIV infection).
- You began having sex before 16.
- You've had 5 or more sexual partners.
- Your mother took DES (Diethylstilbestrol), a hormonal drug, when she was pregnant with you.

Who's covered?

All women with Medicare.

How often is it covered?

Medicare covers these screening test once every 24 months, or once every 12 months if you're at high risk for cervical or vaginal cancer, or if you're of child-bearing age and had an abnormal Pap test in the past 36 months.

Part B also covers Human Papillomavirus (HPV) tests (as part of Pap tests) once every 5 years if you're 30 – 65 without HPV symptoms.

Your cost if you have Original Medicare

You pay nothing for this screening.

If you have any questions regarding this exam or any of the other Preventive Service exams covered by Medicare, please contact me at (281) 642-4082 or at alcastellanos@prinsuco.com.