

## **Cervical Cancer: The Road to Perdition**

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Cancer survival has improved since the mid-1970s for all of the most common cancers except uterine cervix and uterine corpus, largely reflecting the absence of major treatment advances for these cancers.

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# **RATES IN TENNESSEE**

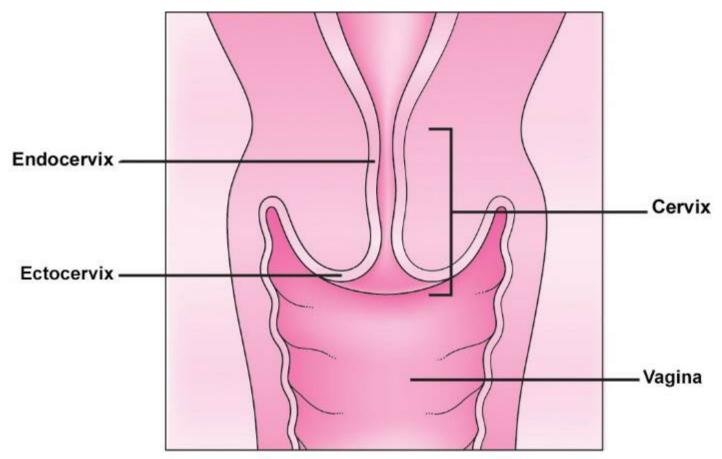
Every day in Tennessee, a woman is diagnosed with cervical cancer, and every 3 days one dies from the disease.

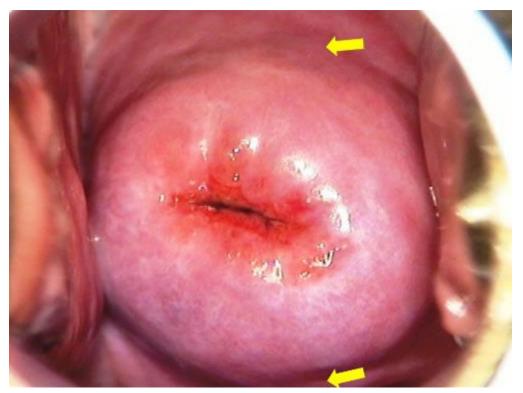






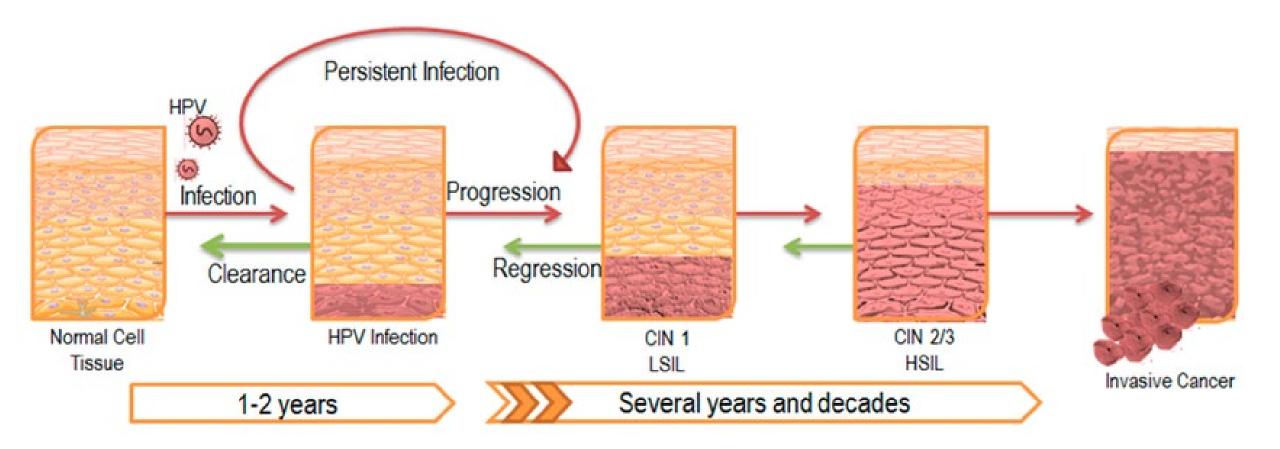
# Features of the cervix





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### CANCER OF THE CERVIX

The cervix connects the vagina to the upper part of the uterus. Any individual with a cervix can develop cervical cancer; however, those with some risk factors have a higher chance of developing cervical cancer.

Did you know that cervical cancer is one of the few cancers that has precancerous cells (cells that are not yet cancerous) that can be treated to prevent the development of cervical cancer?









### Cervical cancer risk factors<sup>[17-19]</sup>

Genital Infection with high risk human papillomavirus HIV infection

Smoking

Younger age at first sexual intercourse

Greater number of sexual partners

Oral contraceptives use greater than 5 yr

Having 4 or greater full-term pregnancies

History of sexual transmitted diseases

HIV: Human immunodeficiency virus.



# - RISK FACTORS FOR CERVICAL CANCER

### SMOKING



Did you know that smoking and tobacco use increase your risk of developing cervical cancer? If you quit smoking or using tobacco products, you can reduce your risk.

To get more information on quitting, please call 800-QUIT-NOW or go to <u>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/tobacco.html</u>

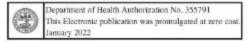
### **HPV INFECTION**



Did you know that the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) causes over 90% of all cervical cancers? By getting vaccinated against HPV, you can reduce your risk.

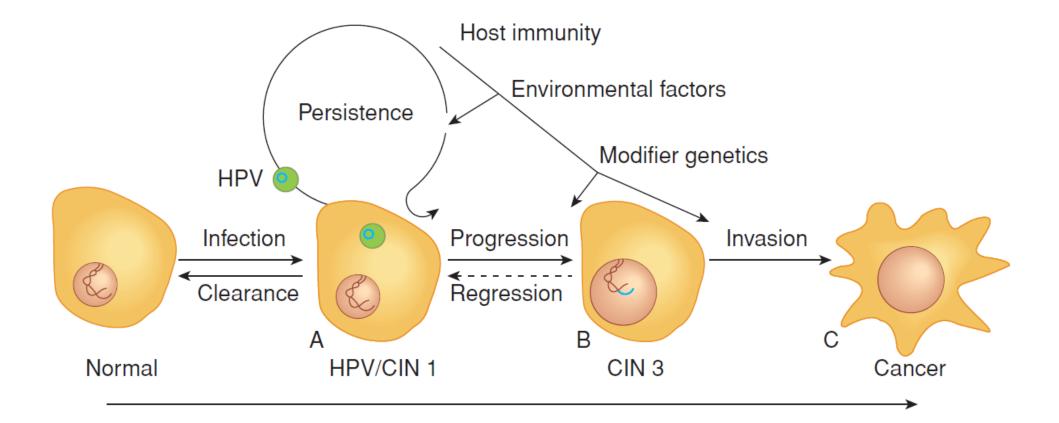
For more information on the HPV Vaccine visit <u>https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/</u>

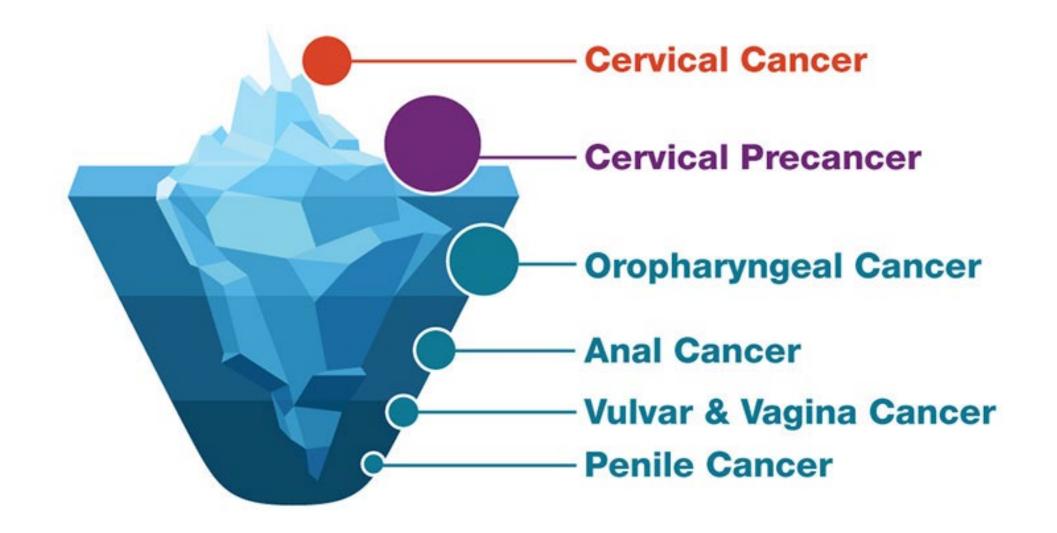
### **OOO** TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER RISKS TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER





# The path to cervix cancer







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strategies in the Mid-South region & across the country.

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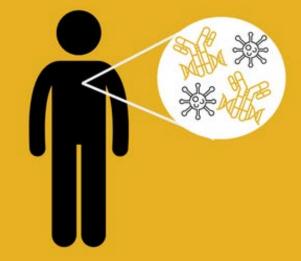


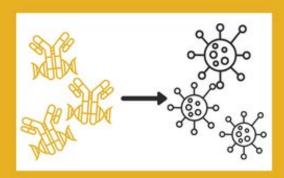




# **HOW THE HPV VACCINE WORKS**





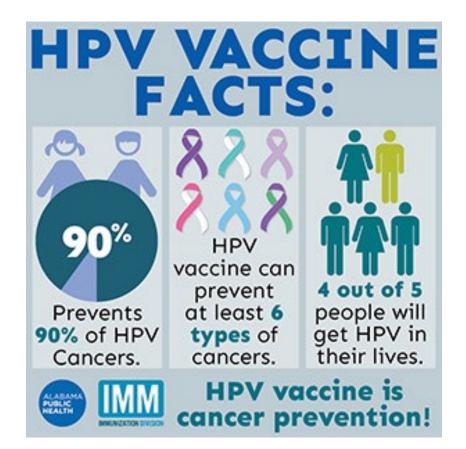


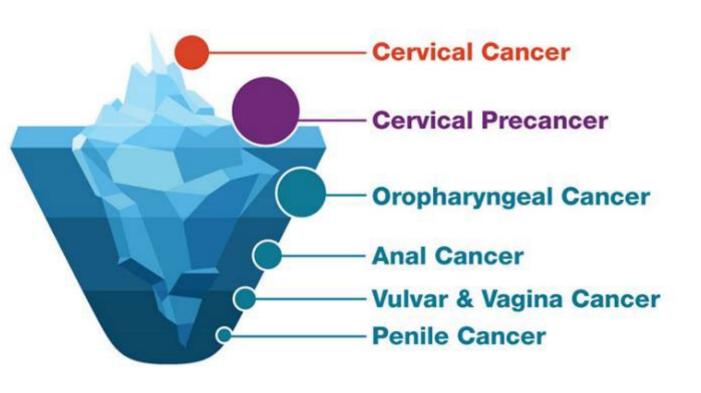
Vaccine introduces VLPs into body

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The body produces antibodies to attack the VLPs

If HPV enters the body, the immune system produces those same antibodies and removes the infection







ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### HPV Vaccination and the Risk of Invasive Cervical Cancer

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ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

The efficacy and effectiveness of the quadrivalent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in preventing high-grade cervical lesions have been shown. However, data to inform the relationship between quadrivalent HPV vaccination and the subsequent risk of invasive cervical cancer are lacking.

#### METHODS

We used nationwide Swedish demographic and health registers to follow an open population of 1,672,983 girls and women who were 10 to 30 years of age from 2006 through 2017. We assessed the association between HPV vaccination and the risk of invasive cervical cancer, controlling for age at follow-up, calendar year, county of residence, and parental characteristics, including education, household income, mother's country of birth, and maternal disease history.

- Sweden
- 1.7 million
- 10 to 30 yrs



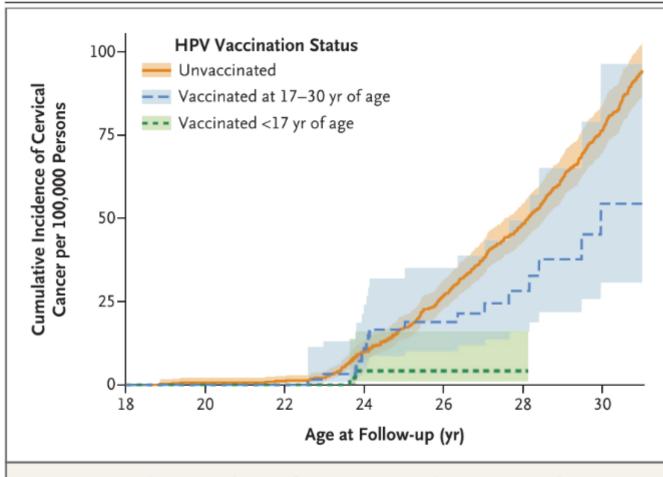
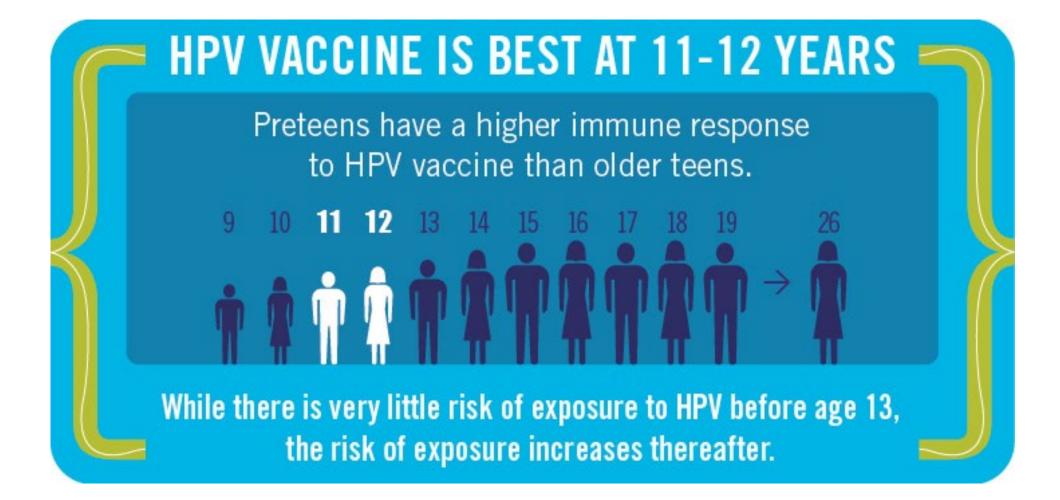


Figure 2. Cumulative Incidence of Invasive Cervical Cancer According to HPV Vaccination Status.

Age at follow-up is truncated in the graph because no cases of cervical cancer were observed in girls younger than 18 years of age.





- 65% drop in cervical cancer incidence during 2012 through 2019 among women in early 20s
- 1<sup>st</sup> group to receive HPV vaccination series
- Foreshadows steep reductions in burden of HPV-associated cancer



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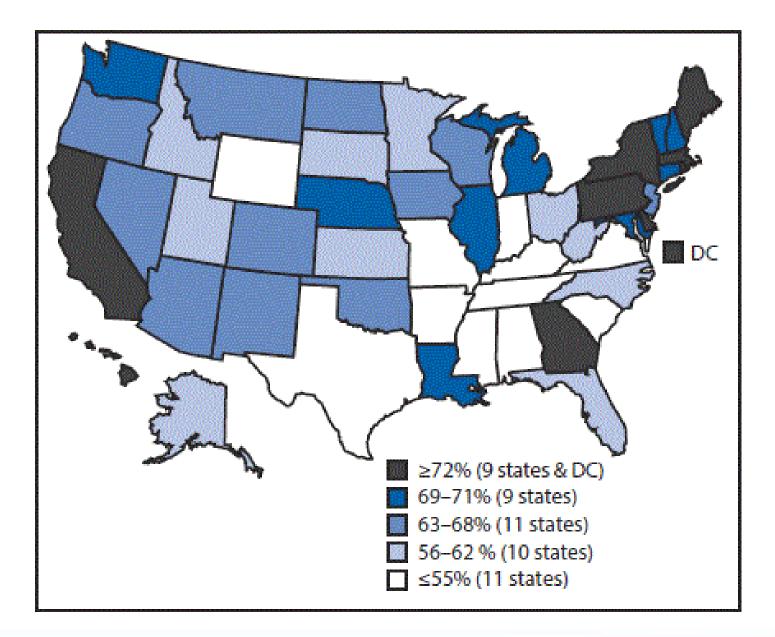




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# **SCREENING FOR CERVICAL CANCER**

### WHO SHOULD GET SCREENED



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### 21-65 YEARS OLD

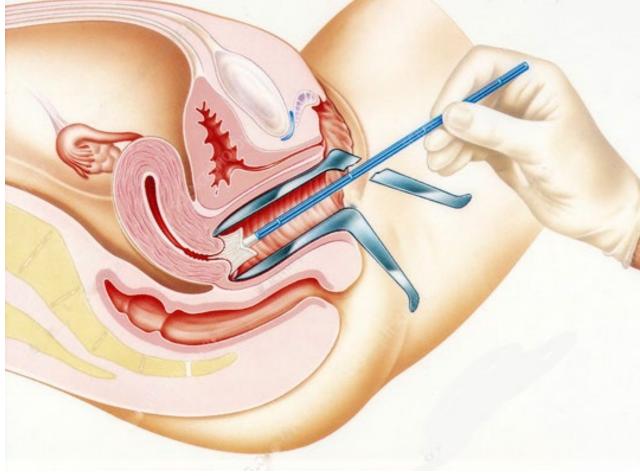
If you are 21-65 years old you should get a cervical cancer screening. This may include a cytology test (or a pap smear), an HPV test, or both.

Talk with your healthcare provider about what screening is right for you!

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# - SCREENING FOR CERVICAL CANCER



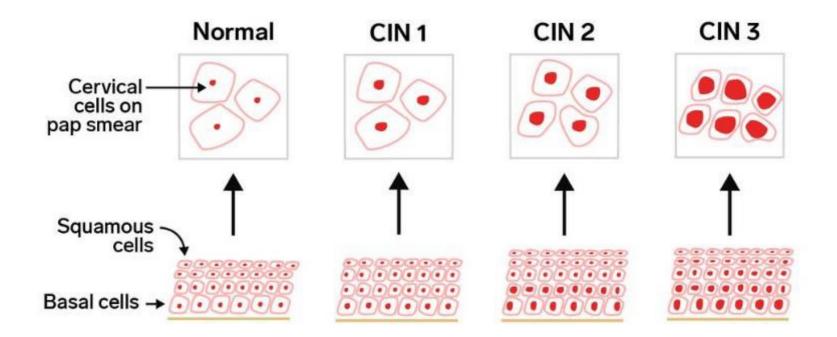
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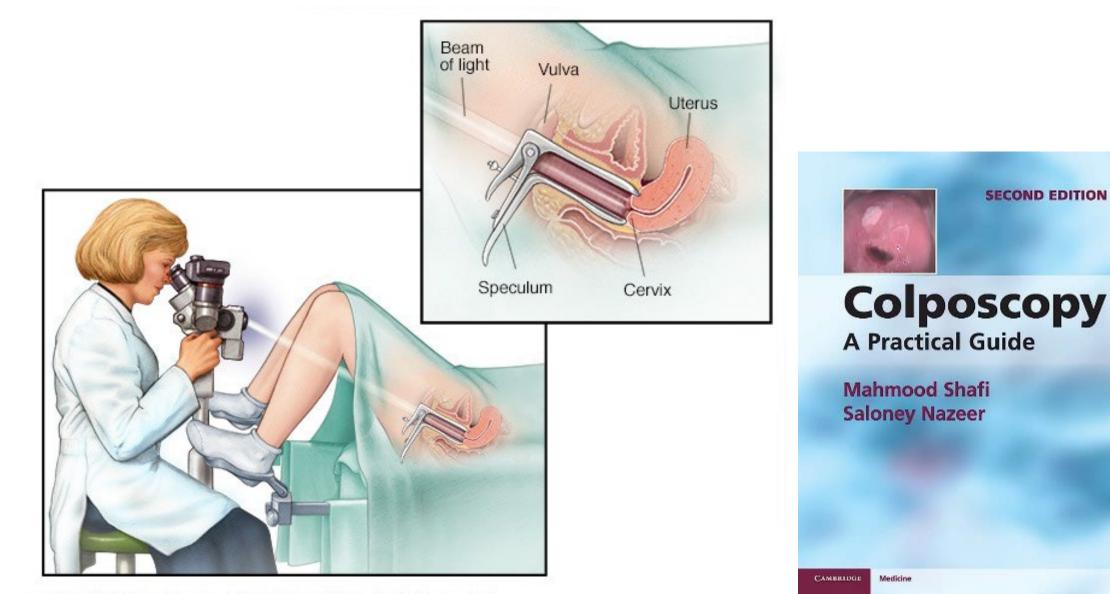
# SCREENING FOR CERVICAL CANCER

### Normal v.s. abnormal cervical cells



Source: Los Angeles Obstetricians & Gynecologists

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# **Center for HPV And Dysplasia (aka CHAD)**

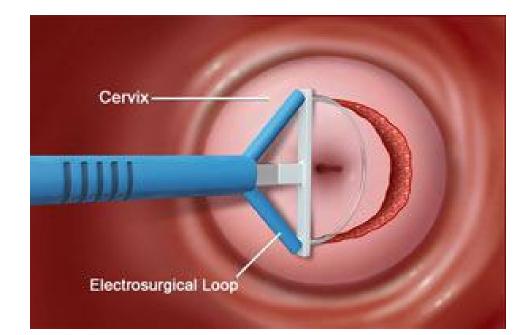
### Linda Moses, MD & Marina Santa Cruz, MD







## LEEP v CKC (Cold Knife Conization



Squamous lesions (CIN3)



Figure 2. Fixation sutures are used at both sides, at 3 and 9 o'clock

Glandular lesions: (AIS – adenoca in situ)

# ASEP The society for lower genital tract disorders since 1964.

# Algorithms

Updated Consensus Guidelines for Managing Abnormal Cervical Cancer Screening Tests and Cancer Precursors

American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology



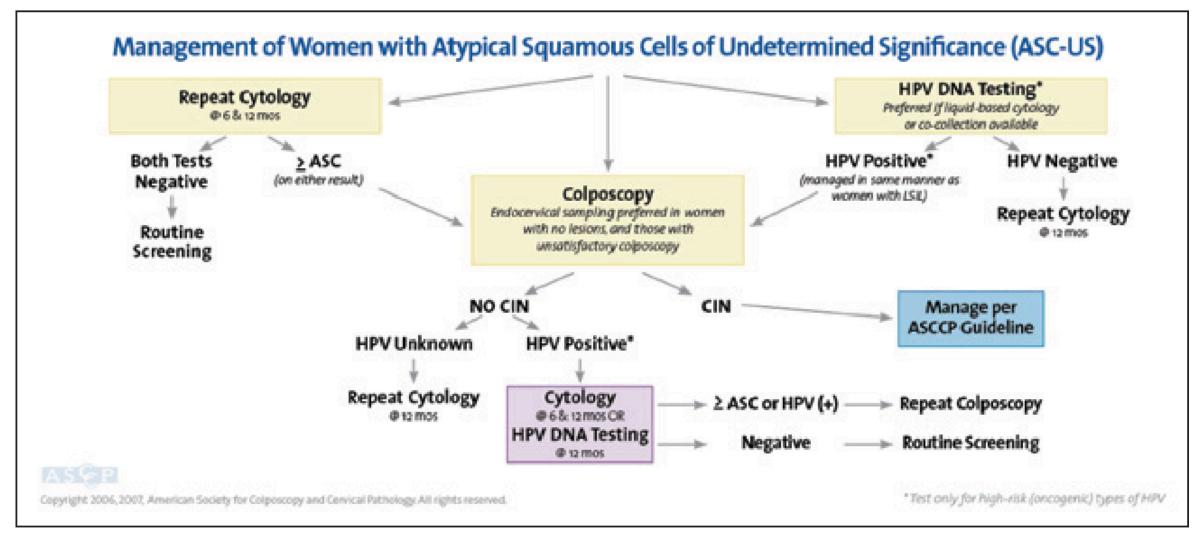
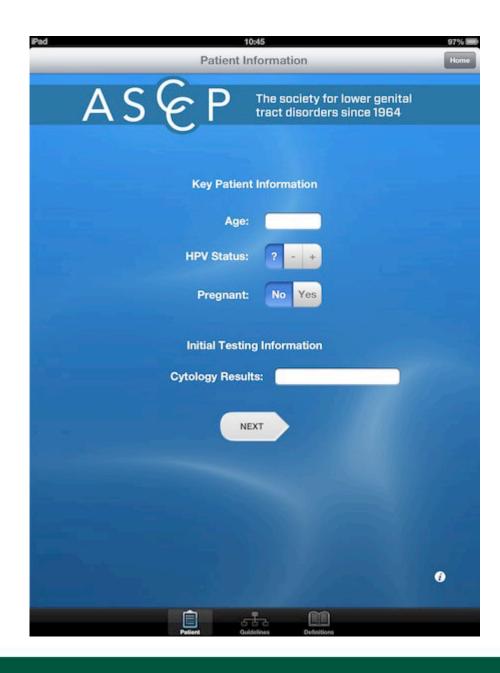


Figure 2 Management of women with atvnical squamous cells of undetermined significance









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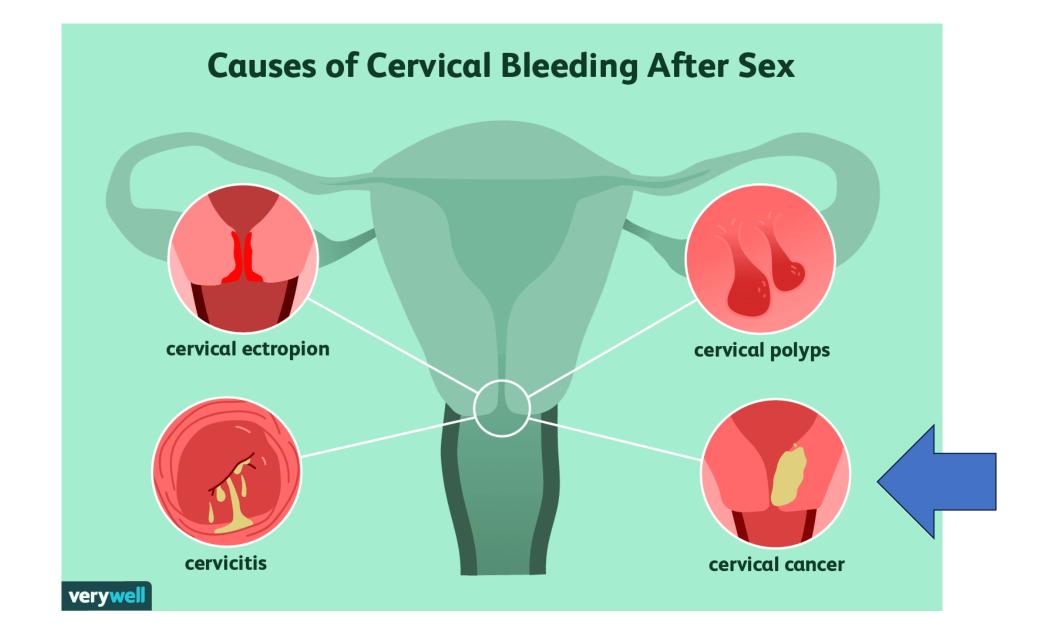
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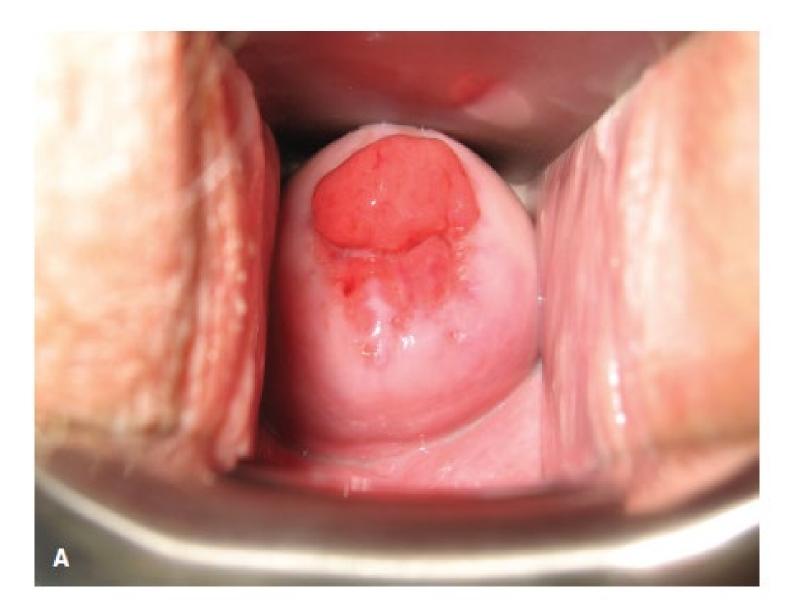


# Survival rates are <u>*lower*</u> for Black patients than for White for every cancer type

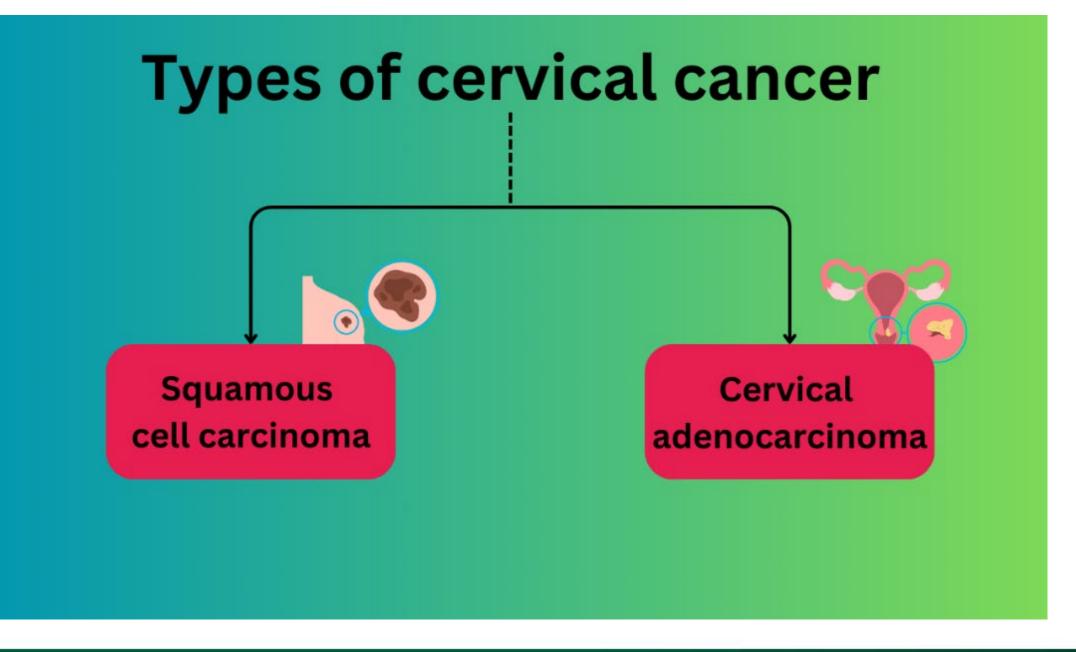
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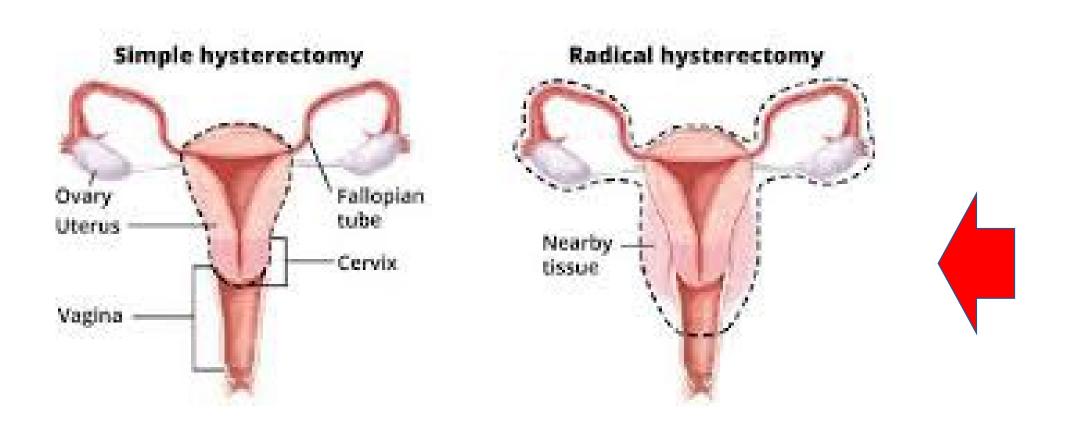






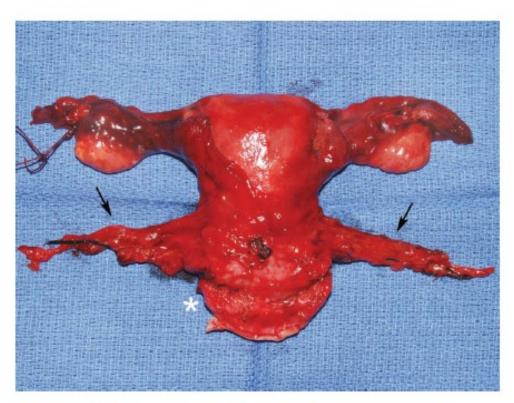


# Cervix cancers require negative margins





# Radical hysterectomy



**FIGURE 30-11** Gross surgical specimen following radical hysterectomy. The specimen includes the adnexa, uterus, parametria (*arrows*), and segment of proximal vagina (*asterisk*).

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### Minimally Invasive versus Abdominal Radical Hysterectomy for Cervical Cancer

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ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

There are limited data from retrospective studies regarding whether survival outcomes after laparoscopic or robot-assisted radical hysterectomy (minimally invasive surgery) are equivalent to those after open abdominal radical hysterectomy (open surgery) among women with early-stage cervical cancer.

#### METHODS

In this trial involving patients with stage IA1 (lymphovascular invasion), IA2, or IB1 cervical cancer and a histologic subtype of squamous-cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, or adenosquamous carcinoma, we randomly assigned patients to undergo minimally invasive surgery or open surgery. The primary outcome was the rate of disease-free survival at 4.5 years, with noninferiority claimed if the lower boundary of the two-sided 95% confidence interval of the between-group difference (minimally invasive surgery minus open surgery) was greater than -7.2 percentage points (i.e., closer to zero).

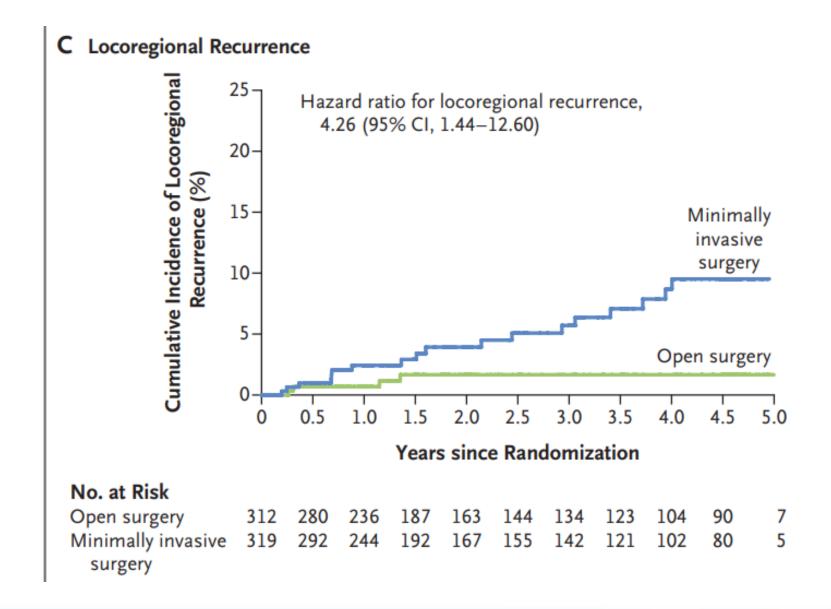
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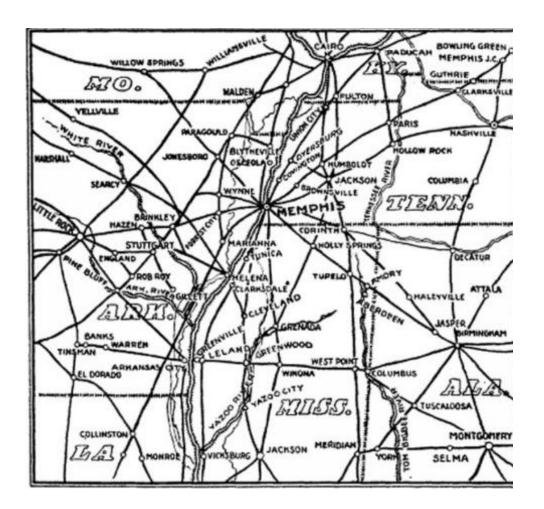
- 319 patient RCT
- Stage IA1 IB1

### International trial



### Health disparities in our region

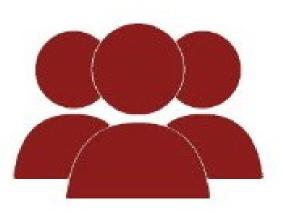
Memphis metropolitan area anchors Mid-South: the very epicenter of disparities of care in the USA



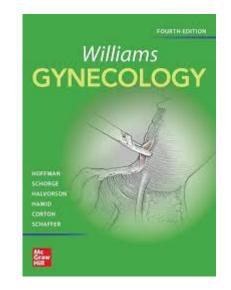


## **CERVICAL CANCER DOES NOT AFFECT EVERYONE THE SAME**

Compared to white women, Blacks and Hispanics are more likely to be diagnosed with cervical cancer and are also more likely to die from the disease.





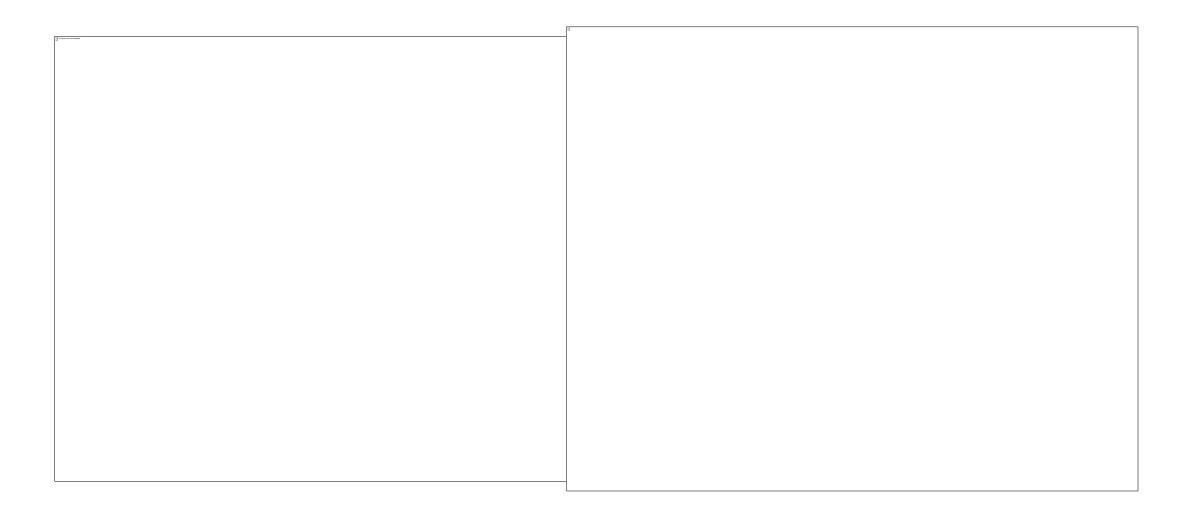


### TABLE 30-1. Cervical Cancer Age-Adjusted Incidence and Death Rates (per 100,000 women per year)

	All Races	White	Black	Asian American & Pacific Islander	American Indian & Alaskan Native	Hispanic
Incidence	7.3	7.2	8.7	6.4	7.9	9.3
Death	2.3	2.2	3.5	1.7	1.8	2.6

Based on cases diagnosed during 2012 through 2016 from 21 geographic areas in the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program.







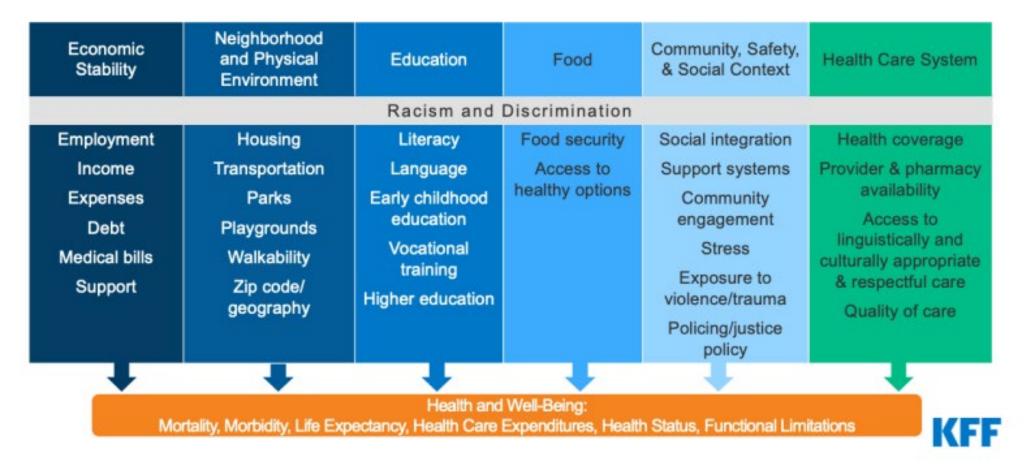
We serve an inner-city community with significant challenges due to poor health literacy and high rates mental illness





Figure 1

### Health Disparities are Driven by Social and Economic Inequities



# Committee Opinion Dec 2015 Causes of health disparities in OB/GYN



- 1. <u>Patient-level factors (genetics,</u> environment, preferences, diet, medical co-morbidities, activity, adherence to treatment plan)
- 2. <u>Health care system level factors</u> (insurance status, geographic access to care)
- 3. <u>Practitioner factors</u> (stereotyping and implicit bias)

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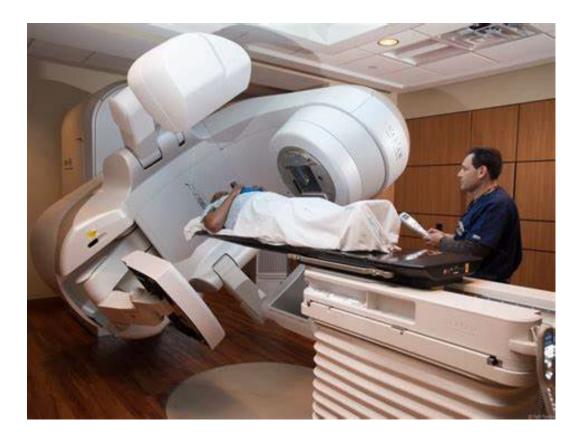


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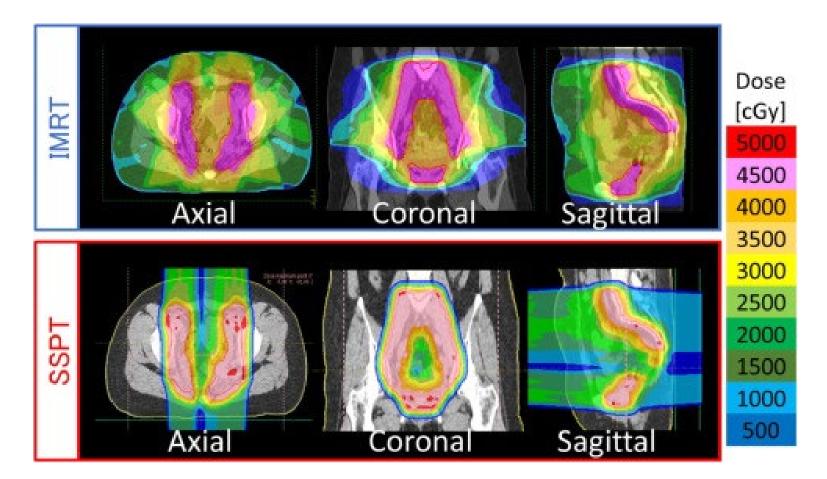


# Cervix cancers that are too big to get negative margins require radiation





# Dosing = 4500 cGy



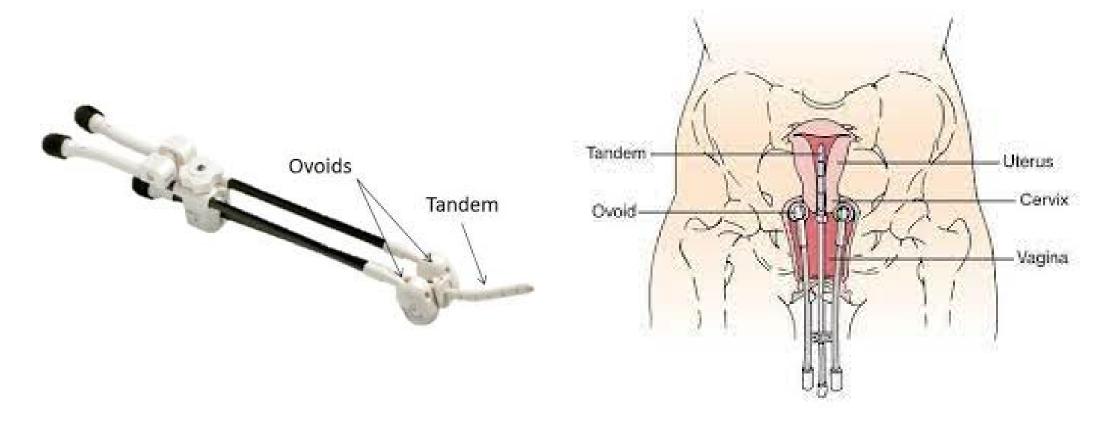


# **Big cervical cancer**

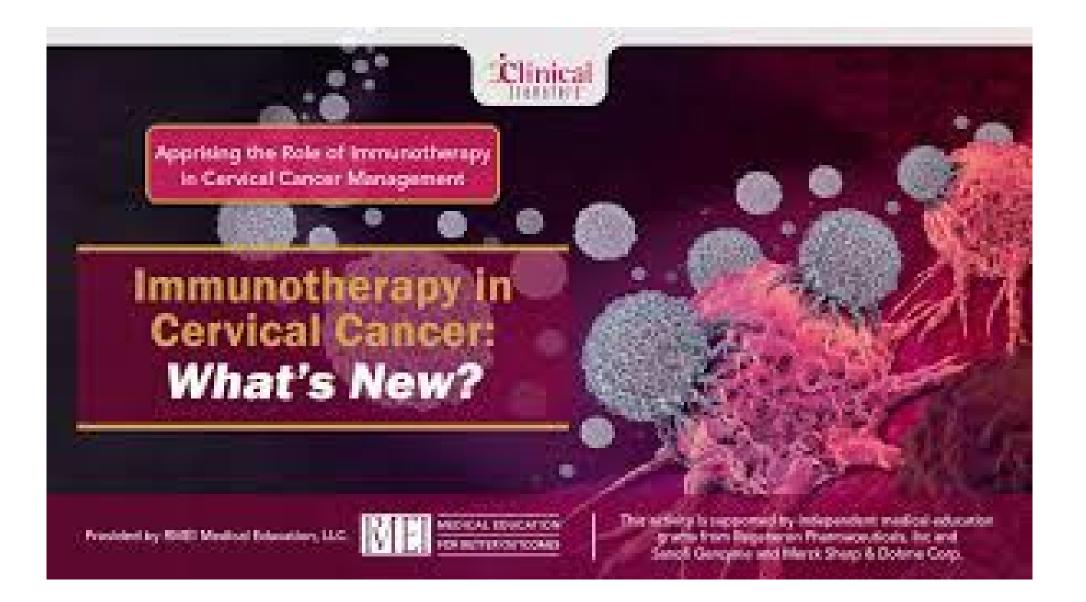
Fact: the higher the dose of radiation, the more curative

- Bladder fistula = 5000 cGy
- Rectal fistula = 6000 cGy

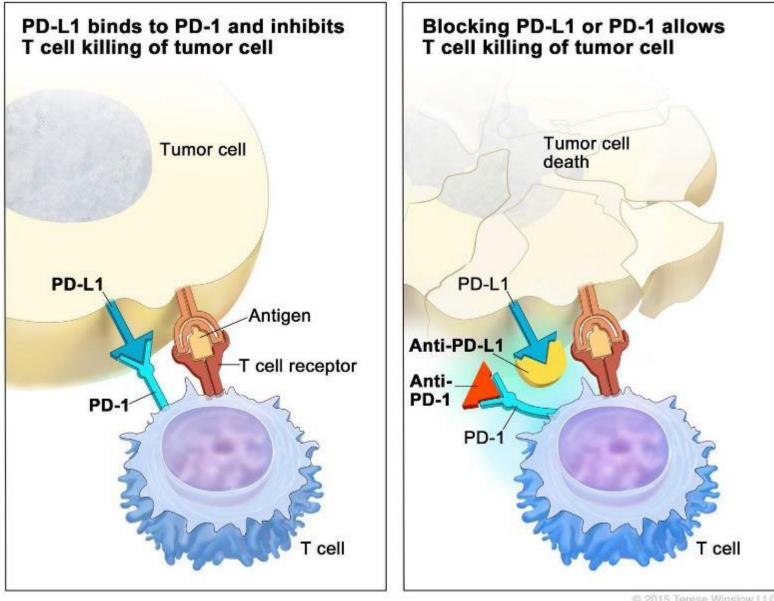
# Advanced stage: tandem & ovoid brachytherapy











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### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Pembrolizumab for Persistent, Recurrent, or Metastatic Cervical Cancer

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#### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

Pembrolizumab has efficacy in programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1)–positive metastatic or unresectable cervical cancer that has progressed during chemotherapy. We assessed the relative benefit of adding pembrolizumab to chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab.

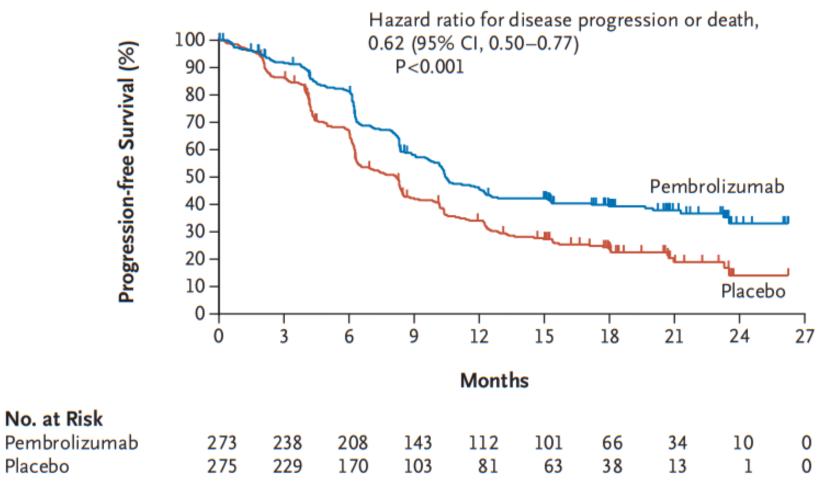
#### METHODS

In a double-blind, phase 3 trial, we randomly assigned patients with persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer in a 1:1 ratio to receive pembrolizumab

- 548 patients
- Double-blind RCT
- PD-L1 CPS 1+



Patients with a PD-L1 Combined Positive Score of ≥1





### Comprehensive NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2024 **Cervical Cancer**

#### SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR CERVICAL CANCER<sup>a</sup>

	Squamous Cell Carcinoma, Ade	nocarcinoma, or Adenosquamous Carcinoma			
Chemoradiation <sup>b</sup>	Recurrent or Metastatic Disease				
	First-line Therapy <sup>b,f</sup>	Second-line or Subsequent Therapy <sup>j</sup>			
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