



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING (60 SECONDS)

Did you know that each year more than 12-thousand women in the United States get cervical cancer and about 4-thousand women die from it?

This is Acting State Health Officer, Doctor Scott Harris. These numbers might sound alarming, but the good news is that cervical cancer is highly preventable with regular screening and treatable when diagnosed early.

Women age 40 to 64 may qualify for free cervical cancer screenings through the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program if they have limited income and have no insurance or are underinsured. Also, the program now covers screening for women age 30 to 64 who have had their tubes tied. Free services include a pelvic exam, Pap smear, HPV testing, and diagnostic services such as an ultrasound, colposcopy, or biopsy, if needed.

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month... and if you haven't been screened for cervical cancer, talk to your doctor today about setting up an appointment. For more information visit our website at [Alabama public health dot G-O-V](http://Alabama.public.health.dot.G-O-V).

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