
January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

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Along with our large community of Women's Health providers, PathGroup recognizes January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and celebrates the efforts of these healthcare providers in screening, diagnosing, and treating women affected by cervical cancer.

Over 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer are diagnosed every year and it is most commonly diagnosed in women ages 35 to 44. In 2019, an estimated 4,250 women died of cervical cancer. Before the introduction of the Pap test, cervical cancer was one of the most common causes of cancer death in women in the United States.¹

According to the American Cancer Society, there are several factors that increase a woman's risk of developing cervical cancer. One of the most important risk factors is human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. If left untreated, high-risk types of HPV can become chronic infection and cause cervical cancer. Other risk factors for developing cervical cancer include: smoking, a weakened immune system, chlamydia infection, or having a family history of cervical cancer.

PathGroup supports healthcare providers and their patients in the fight against cervical cancer and offers laboratory testing options for HPV. To learn more about our testing options, visit <http://www.pathgroup.com/clinical/testing-menu/>.

1. About Cervical Cancer. American Cancer Society. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/cervical-cancer/about.html>