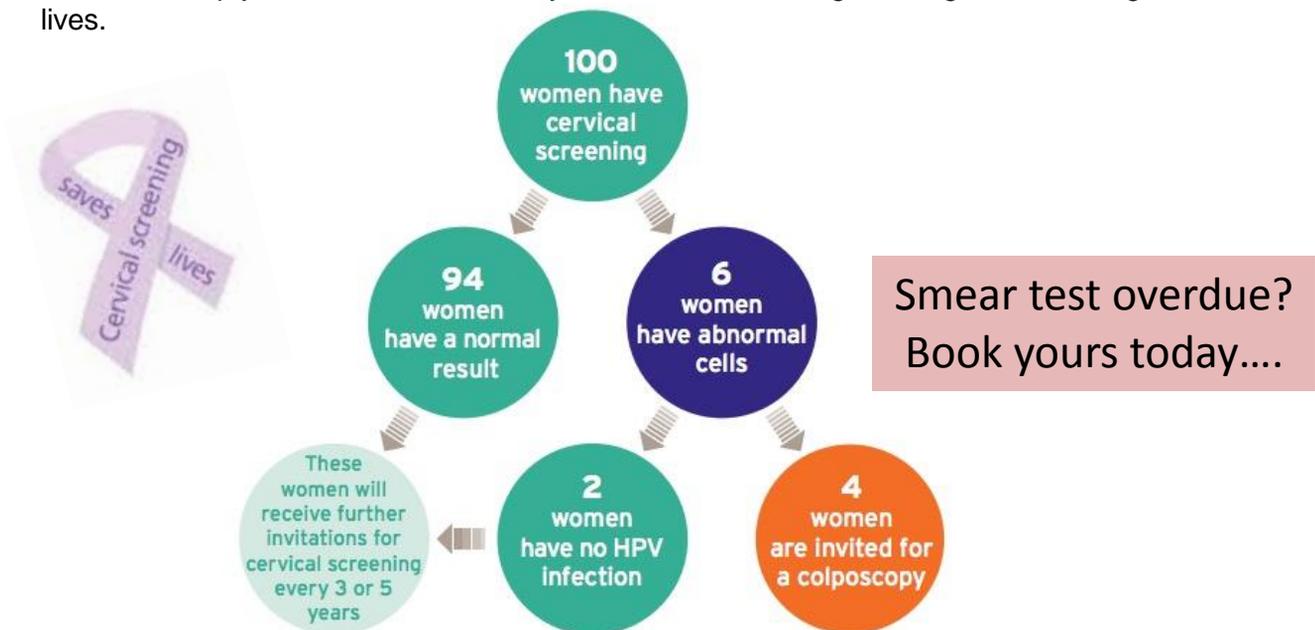


St Margaret's NEWS

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- Each year around 5 million women in the UK are invited for cervical screening (smear test)
- Cervical screening saves 5,000 lives a year in the UK
- Cervical screening is free and you will receive your invitation to attend for regular screening
- Cervical screening is **NOT** a test to find cancer. It is a screening test to detect changes to the cells of your cervix, which are called abnormalities.
- Between 90 and 94% of all screening results come back normal, with no abnormalities found.
- It is important to remember that an abnormal result rarely means cancer
- Having regular cervical screening offers the best protection against developing cervical cancer
- Please take up your invitation to attend your cervical screening test; regular screening saves lives.



Guidance

Health matters: improving the prevention and diagnosis of bowel cancer

All men and women aged 60-74 are invited to carry out a faecal occult blood (FOB) test. Every two years, they're sent a home test kit which is used to collect a stool sample. Taking part in bowel cancer screening reduces your chances of dying from bowel cancer and removing polyps in bowel scope screening can prevent cancer.

Yet, despite these benefits, the proportion of people who take up their bowel cancer screening invitation is disappointingly low. For example, in England only 55-60 per cent of people return their kits, and in some areas of the country, it's even lower: in some parts of London, it's as low as 33 per cent.

Who it affects

The 3rd most common cancer in both men and women (18,789 cases in men and 15,236 cases in women in 2014)

11.5% of all cancer registrations in 2014 were for bowel cancer

The rate is much higher in men:

84.5 per 100,000 in men

56.4 per 100,000 women

94% of cases are in people who are over 50 years old and 83% in those over 60

Who it kills:



Bowel cancer is the 2nd most common cause of cancer death in England after lung cancer



If you are aged 60 to 75 (male or female), then you will automatically be offered free bowel screening every two years.

60-75 take the test

If you are over 75 (male or female), you can request a free screening kit by calling Freephone 0800 707 6060

Over 75 request a test



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