



Important Information about Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS) HEDIS Measure

GlobalHealth has selected the **HEDIS Measure Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)** as an improvement target. As defined by HEDIS, the measure assesses women 21-64 years of age who were screened for cervical cancer using either one of the following criteria:

- For women age 21–29- cervical cytology performed every 3 years.
- For women age 30-65
 - cervical cytology performed every 3 years,
 - high risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) and cytology co-testing performed every 5 years, or
 - high risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) alone performed every 5 years.

Cervical cancer is a disease in which cells in the cervix grow out of control. Cervical cancer used to be one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women; effective **screening has reduced the mortality rate by more than 50 percent over the last 30 years.**¹ Cervical cancer is preventable in most cases because effective screening tests exist. If detected early, cervical cancer is highly treatable.¹

GlobalHealth members can self-refer to a network provider for well- woman care. Prior Authorization is not needed.

Next Steps:

- Provide clear communication to the patient about screening process and frequency, risk and benefits, your treatment recommendations, and why.
- Discuss Human Papillomavirus vaccination, as appropriate.
- Encourage questions, address concerns.
- Confirm agreement with treatment plan.

References:

- [American Cancer Society, American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, and American Society for Clinical Pathology Screening Guidelines for the Prevention and Early Detection of Cervical Cancer \[PDF-297KB\]](#)
- [United States Preventive Services Task Force \(USPSTF\) Cervical Cancer Screening Recommendations \(August 2018\)](#)
- [USPSTF Cervical Cancer Screening Considerations](#)

- [Cervical Cancer Screening](#) (National Cancer Institute)
- [Cervical Cancer Screening–For Health Professionals](#) (National Cancer Institute)
- [American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology Management Guidelines](#)
- [Adult Vaccinations: Human Papillomavirus](#)

Additional Information and Patient Resources (CDC)

- [Prevent Cervical Cancer with the Right Test at the Right Time infographic](#)
- [Cervical Cancer](#)