

HPV Cervical Screening

This is a new national screening programme introduced to Ireland in 2020 by CervicalCheck. It is an updated approach to cervical screening and is an advance on previous methods. It is already operational in Australia, England and Wales.

The cervical screening sample will be taken using the standard smear test procedure. The sample will then be checked for the presence of Human Paillomavirus (HPV) in a laboratory; HPV is a virus that can cause cervical cancer.

Initial Testing Pathway

If you test **negative** for HPV:

- you will be recalled for your next test in 3 years if you are aged between 25-29 years
- you will be recalled for your next test in 5 years if you are 30 years of age, or older

If you test **positive** for HPV:

- you will be re-tested in 12 months, or referred for a colposcopy examination if your cytology is positive

Please see [hse.ie/cervicalcheck](https://www.hse.ie/cervicalcheck) for more information.