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Cervical Cancer Quick Facts

Understanding Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer is a type of cancer that occurs in the cells of the cervix, the lower part of the uterus that connects to the vagina. It's primarily caused by persistent infection with certain types of *human papillomavirus (HPV)*. Regular screening is crucial for early detection and prevention. When detected early, cervical cancer is highly treatable.

Unfortunately, many women worldwide face barriers to access screening due to geographical, economic, or cultural reasons. This makes awareness and accessible screening tools especially important.

Key Facts

- HPV is *very common*; most people will get it at some point.
- Most HPV infections *clear up on their own* without causing cancer.
- Certain high-risk HPV types can lead to cervical cancer over time.
- Cervical cancer is *highly preventable* with regular screening and vaccination.
- Early-stage cervical cancer often has *no symptoms*.
- Screening can detect *precancerous changes* before cancer develops.
- The HPV vaccine protects against the HPV types that cause most cervical cancers.
- Access to screening *varies globally*, impacting early detection rates.

Traditional Screening Methods

The *Pap test* (or Pap smear) has been the standard for cervical cancer screening for decades. It involves collecting cells from the cervix and examining them under a microscope for abnormalities. Another method is the *HPV test*, which detects the presence of high-risk HPV types. Both tests are typically performed during a pelvic exam by a healthcare provider.

While effective, these methods require a visit to a clinic, which can be a barrier for some women.

Introducing the Teal Wand

The **Teal Wand** is a revolutionary self-administered screening tool designed to make cervical cancer screening more accessible and convenient. This innovative device allows women to collect a cervical sample in the privacy of their own homes. The sample is then sent to a certified lab for analysis, with results delivered discreetly and securely.

Benefits of the Teal Wand:

- **Accessibility:** Overcomes barriers to clinic visits.
- **Convenience:** Screening at your own time and pace.
- **Privacy:** Self-collection in the comfort of your home.
- **Empowerment:** Puts you in control of your health.

Learn More & Take Action

Empower yourself with knowledge and take control of your cervical health. Visit getteal.com/teal-wand to learn more about the Teal Wand and how it can help you stay proactive about your well-being. Early detection saves lives!

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