

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Testing



What is HPV?



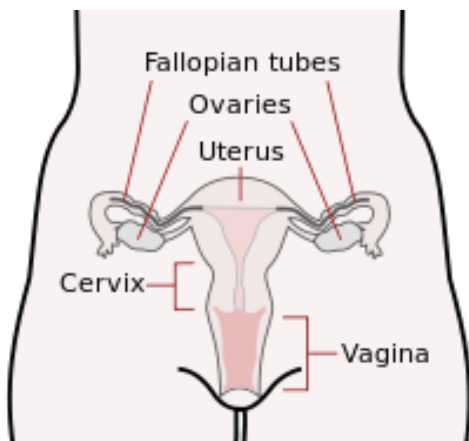
HPV stands for Human Papilloma Virus.



You can get HPV by having any type of sexual contact.



You might not know you have HPV. You will not feel poorly.



HPV usually goes away on its own. If it does not go away it can cause changes in your cervix.

Your cervix is the neck of your womb inside your vagina.

How will I be tested?



You will be tested for HPV at the same time as your cervical screening or smear test appointment.



A speculum is put in to your vagina. This is to look closely at your cervix.



The nurse will take some cells from your cervix with a tiny brush.



Your cell sample will be sent a special clinic to be tested.

What happens next?



You will get a letter in the post with the results of your test.



You will be asked to go to the hospital for more tests if your sample shows you have HPV and small changes in your cervix.



There is no treatment for HPV so you will not need any medicine.

See our 'Having a Colposcopy' leaflet for more information.

If you would like to speak to someone about this information please call 01246 512464 (Women's Health Unit, 8am-8pm)

We can arrange help if you use British Sign Language.

Someone can help if you do not speak English. Please let us know before you come to the hospital.

Let us know if you need help to communicate.

For more information go to www.chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk

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