

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

MEDIA RELEASE

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Pap Tests Save Lives!

According to the Canadian Cancer Society and Cancer Care Ontario, cervical cancer is the 10th most common form of cancer in Ontario among women, and the second most common in women under the age of 50.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the primary cause of cervical cancer and three of four people who have had sex have been exposed to HPV at some time. **The good news is that cervical cancer can be almost entirely prevented with regular screening.** Women of all ages who are, or have ever been, sexually active should be screened every one to three years.

Call your doctor or Nurse Practitioner to book your Pap test.

No Doctor or Nurse Practitioner?

Call to book a Pap test with a female Nurse Practitioner at:

- CPHC Brockville Community Family Health Team
613-345-5077 clinic date September 30
- North Lanark County Community Health Centre
613-259-2182 clinic date October 5
- Merrickville District Community Health Centre
613-269-3400 clinic date October 14

Or call the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - Health Action Line at 1-800-660-5853 or 613-345-5685.

For more information about cervical cancer, HPV or pap tests, visit www.healthunit.org

These Pap test clinics are being held in partnership with the Merrickville Community Health Centre, Smiths Falls Community Health Centre, North Lanark County Community Health Centre, Country Roads Community Health Centre (Portland), CPHC Family Health Team in Brockville, Canadian Cancer Society - Perth Office, the Regional Cancer Program of Southeastern Ontario.

Pass the word. Get a Pap test.

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