**Health Unit**
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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:

- Smiths Falls Community Health Centre
  **April 11 and 19**

Call the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - 613-283-2740 or
Health ACTION Line at 1-800-660-5853.

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.

**For more information about Pap tests, HPV or cervical cancer, visit www.healthunit.org/cancer.**

## Pass the word. Get a Pap test.

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