

Cervical Screening Self-test Study

Greetings

We are writing to you about a study that is looking at a **new cervical screening test** (different from the usual smear test) that you can easily **do yourself at home or in the bathroom at a clinic**. This is called HPV (human papillomavirus) self-testing for cervical screening.

We would like to invite you to take part in the study, which is to find out if women like using the new test. The test, and any follow-up tests, are completely free as part of the study.

We know that some women don't have regular smears every three years. There are lots of reasons for this. Some women find smears uncomfortable and other women are shy about having smears. Women do the new test themselves using a cotton wool swab.

Your practice is working with Massey University and Auckland and Waitemata DHBs as part of this study.

How does the study work?

Women involved in the study will be put into one of three groups and will be invited to either:

- Come in and do the self-test in the clinic (Group 1)
- Be posted a kit to do the self-test at home (Group 2)
- Have a usual smear test (Group 3).

Can I choose which group I am in?

No, women who take part will be randomly put into one of the study groups. Many more women are being invited to the self-test groups (Groups 1 and 2) than to have a usual smear (Group 3).

What happens next?

In a couple of weeks, you will receive a letter from us with more information. If you are in the home self-test group (Group 2), you will also get a test kit in the mail. If you are in the clinic self-test (Group 1) or usual smear group (Group 3), you will get a letter telling you about this.

How do I take part in the study?

If you want to take part you don't need to do anything just yet. Taking part in this study is your choice. If you **do not** want to be contacted further by the study, please contact the Study Nurse, Jane Grant:

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If you have any questions you are welcome to call/text the Study Nurse. You can also watch videos about the study at: www.waitemataadhb.govt.nz/healthy-living/HPV-study

It's really important to us to have your contact details right, so please let us know if they have changed.

Thank you

The Cervical Screening HPV Self-test Research Team

