

Regular Pap Smears Boost Cervical Cancer Survival Rates

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Women who have regular Pap smear tests to screen for cervical cancer are more likely to survive cancer if they are ever diagnosed with it, according to a study published in the journal *BMJ* and reported by [Health Day News](#).

Worldwide, cervical cancer is the third most common cancer among women, though it is rare in the United States. The cancer, which is almost always caused by the human papillomavirus, develops slowly, can easily be detected by a Pap smear and is 100 percent treatable.

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