

HPV TEST INVITATION

Date of birth,
Bologna,

The Local Health Authority of Bologna invites you to perform the **HPV testing**, as part of the **screening program for the prevention of cervical cancer**.

**We cordially invite you to take this opportunity which we recommend,
to proactively take care of your health for the future**

We can offer you an appointment for the day: date _____ at the time: _____
at _____

The proposed appointment can be changed

English version available

- ✓ Using the dedicated PORTAL <https://screening.ausl.bologna.it>
- ✓ By calling the TOLL-FREE NUMBER **800-314858** from Monday to Friday 10 – 14
- ✓ By contacting the Screening Centre using the form available at the link:



<https://www.ausl.bologna.it/form/com/ccs>

THE SAMPLE COLLECTION WILL BE PERFORMED BY FEMALE HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL

ALTERNATIVELY, We offer you a new, simple and innovative way to perform the HPV test at home in complete autonomy, as explained in the attached flyer.

ATTENTION: ONLY AFTER CANCELLING THE APPOINTMENT by visiting <https://screening.ausl.bologna.it> you can pick-up a swab (like the one shown on the next page) at one of the Pharmacies participating in the Project and perform the vaginal self-sampling. The instructions for performing the sample collection will be provided to you at the pharmacy. In addition, by scanning the QR Code on the next page, you will be able to watch the video tutorial on how to collect the sample.

The list of participating pharmacies is available at the link tinyurl.com/FarmacieScreeningHPV or via the QR Code shown on the flyer.

ATTENTION: if you perform the test at home you will NOT need to go to Family Health Care (Consultorio Familiare).

If you have recently undergone gynecological surgery, are pregnant, or are within three months postpartum (up to 12 weeks after delivery) DO NOT proceed with self-sampling
Please contact the Screening Centre instead.

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

We remind you:

- ✓ to bring with you **your health card (TESSERA SANITARIA) and an identity document;**
- ✓ a doctor's request is not necessary;
- ✓ the test is **free** as well as any subsequent investigations;
- ✓ to perform the test at least 3 days after the end of menstruation, in the absence of blood loss and pelvic pain;
- ✓ not to use vaginal douches, creams and ovules in the 3 days before the test;
- ✓ not to have sexual intercourse, nor perform transvaginal ultrasound scans or gynaecological examinations in the 2 days before the test;
- ✓ you may request justified leave to present to your employer if you go to the clinic;
- ✓ if you have problems due to serious motor difficulties, contact us, so that we can offer you better assistance;

The result of the test will be communicated to you on the Electronic Health Record (**Fascicolo Sanitario Elettronico**) and possibly by letter to your home. If further investigations are required, you will receive a phone call from the healthcare staff at the Screening Centre.

The information on the processing of personal data is available on the website **www.ausl.bologna.it** in the section dedicated to Oncology Screenings.

Kind regards

The Director

**Check that your tube
has NOT expired!
The date is shown
under the cap**



Scan the QRCode to watch the video with the
instructions to perform the HPV test at home

<https://www.ausl.bologna.it/cit/scr/pi-cs/aphpv>



Cervical Screening



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you can take the HPV
test

**WHEN
You Want**

Easy, convenient and free.

The self-sampling for HPV testing allows you to decide when to do it completely independently.



From the age of 30 up to the age of 65 you can participate in screening with self-sampling.



If you choose this method, before collecting the kit you will have to cancel the clinic appointment on the website screening.ausl.bologna.it.



Collect your kit from one of the pharmacies participating in the project
tinyurl.com/FarmacieScreeningHPV



Follow the instructions and perform the self-sampling when it best suits you.



Return the kit to the pharmacy within 48 hours. Until then keep it refrigerated.



Receive the result via ordinary mail or on the Electronic Health Record (*Fascicolo Sanitario Elettronico*)



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