

## HPV TEST INVITATION

Date of birth,  
Bologna,

Dear Madam,  
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**

### Making an appointment is simple, either:

- ✓ Using the dedicated PORTAL <https://screening.ausl.bologna.it> (*English Version is available*)
- ✓ By calling the TOLL FREE-PHONE 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 per the attached pamphlet. You will be able to 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. Furthermore, by scanning the QR Code on the next page, you will be able to see the video tutorial on how to collect the sample.

The list of participating pharmacies is available at the link [tinyurl.com/FarmacieScreeningHPV](http://tinyurl.com/FarmacieScreeningHPV) or via the QR code shown in the pamphlet.

**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 gynaecological surgery, were pregnant or had given birth less than 3 months ago, DO NOT proceed with self-sampling, but make an appointment at a Family Health Care (Consultorio Familiare).**

**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 will 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;
- ✓ **Please, follow the current COVID-19 prevention indications.**

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 Health Director Bologna Local Health Authority

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



Scan the QR Code to see the video with instructions on performing the HPV test at home  
<https://www.ausl.bologna.it/cit/scr/pi-cs/aphpv>



## Cervical Screening

**NOW**

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](http://screening.ausl.bologna.it).



Collect your kit from one of the pharmacies participating in the project  
[tinyurl.com/FarmacieScreeningHPV](http://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*).