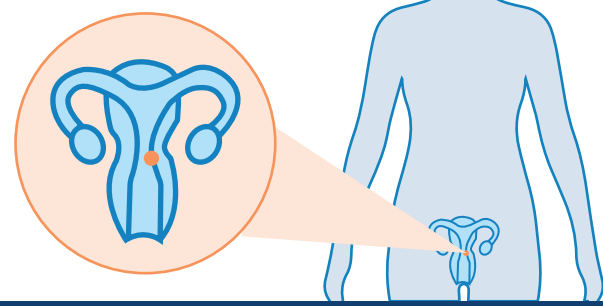


# CERVICAL CANCER Treatment Support



## PATIENT EDUCATION INFO SHEET

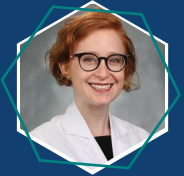
Cervical cancer is a gynecologic cancer that usually develops slowly over time and starts in the cells of the cervix. The cervix is the lower, narrow end of the uterus, and connects the uterus to the vagina. In most cases, cervical cancer is caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). If caught early through routine screenings (called pap smears), cervical cancer is often very treatable.

Each year in the U.S., about **11,500** new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed and about **4,000** women die of this cancer.

“The number of Veterans who are seeking this cancer care at the VA is growing. Our priority is making sure Veterans can access the type of care they need.”

- **Dr. Haley Moss**

Director of VA's Breast and Gynecologic Oncology System of Excellence and gynecologic oncologist at Durham VA



## Support for Veterans with Cervical Cancer

**National TeleOncology (NTO):** NTO brings world-class oncology care and services to Veterans, regardless of where they live.

**Breast and Gynecologic Oncology System of Excellence (BGSoE):** BGSoE provides coordinated, integrated and compassionate patient-centered cancer care, including virtual and high-risk clinics, and provides care coordination for Veterans who may need to navigate different health systems for their treatment.

**Virtual Tumor Board:** Multidisciplinary experts from across the U.S. come together virtually to carefully review individual cancer cases and discuss the best treatment options for each Veteran.

**Virtual Peer Support Program:** This peer-led support group for Veterans with breast and gynecologic cancers provides a platform for support and discussion.

**Close to Me Infusion Service:** Close to Me provides anti-cancer therapy services at Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) and patient homes.

**Cancer Care Genetics Services (CCGS):** CCGS offers accessible, world-class cancer genetic counseling to Veterans including personalized cancer risk assessments, interpretation of test results, and information about cancer treatment options and what it may mean for your family members if you're diagnosed with cancer.

**National Radiation Oncology Program (NROP):** NROP prioritizes hands-on care for all ages and all types of cancer at every stage, and quickly adopts best practices that might result in shorter courses of therapy for Veterans.

## How Do I Access Cervical Cancer Services at VA?

Talk to your provider or make an appointment on [MyHealth.va.gov](https://myhealth.va.gov).

Learn more about VA cancer care at [cancer.va.gov](https://cancer.va.gov) or email [cancer@va.gov](mailto:cancer@va.gov)

