



Hysterectomy Guidelines

Recommendations for Pap Screening

A question asked often by women who have had a hysterectomy is, “Do I still need a Pap test?” The following guidelines show the current national recommendations and practices.

For women who have had a subtotal hysterectomy. (Cervix still intact)	→	Screen Annually
For women who have had a total hysterectomy and have a history of abnormal cervical cells or cervical cancer. (Cervix removed)	→	Screen Annually
For women who have had a total hysterectomy and no abnormal history. (Cervix removed)	→	No Pap test required *
For women who have had a total hysterectomy and no history known.	→	Have 2 Negative Pap tests, then refer to routine recommendations

*There have been some arguments made that it is still of preventive health benefit to re-screen women with a total hysterectomy and no abnormal history at least once every five years, as part of an overall reproductive health assessment.

