

# Guidance Patient's Comprehensive Guide to the epiCervix Test: Empowering Early Detection of Cervical Cancer

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## Introduction to the epiCervix Test

The epiCervix test stands at the forefront of cervical cancer early detection, bolstered by rigorous scientific research and clinical validation featured in prestigious scientific journals. This innovative screening is conducted in a cutting-edge laboratory, where it meticulously analyzes cervical samples to detect DNA methylation profiles in 4 genes indicative of cervical cancer. The early identification of cervical cancer DNA is important, as it has the potential to save lives by facilitating timely intervention.



## Why Choose the epiCervix Test?

**Early Detection:** The epiCervix test is designed to detect cervical cancer at its earliest stages when treatment is most effective.

**Innovative Technology:** Utilizes cutting-edge epigenetic analysis to provide a more accurate assessment of your cervical health.

**Non-Invasive:** The test requires a simple cervical sample, similar to a routine Pap smear, collected during a gynecological examination.

## Preparing for Your Test

### Scheduling:

It's best to schedule your test two weeks after the first day of your last menstrual period. Please ensure you are not menstruating at the time of the test.

### Before Your Appointment:

Avoid using vaginal medications, spermicides, and any vaginal products (including douches) for 48 hours before your test.

Refrain from sexual intercourse for 48 hours before the test to ensure the accuracy of your results.

## During the Appointment

Your healthcare provider will collect a cervical sample using a soft brush or a swab. This process is quick and should cause minimal discomfort. The sample is then preserved in a



special solution and sent to our laboratory for analysis.

## Understanding Your Results

**Results Overview:** You will receive your results through your healthcare provider, who will explain what they mean for your health and next steps.

**Positive Results:** Indicate the presence of DNA methylation changes associated with cervical cancer in the sample. Your doctor will discuss further diagnostic tests or treatment options.

**Negative Results:** Suggest that no significant DNA methylation changes were detected. Your healthcare provider will advise on regular screening intervals based on your overall health and risk factors.

Note that the test is important information that can guide your health provider in assessing the clinical situation but not a diagnostic on its own. The test was validated as a CLIA-CAP accredited lab test and clinical studies but is not yet approved by FDA. The test is 84% sensitive, that means that it can miss some cancer cases and is 95% specific that means that there is a 5% chance for false results.

## FAQs

### Understanding the epiCervix Test

- **Q: What is the epiCervix test and how does it work**

A: The epiCervix test is a cervical cancer screening that uses advanced DNA methylation analysis through bisulfite conversion, PCR, and next-generation sequencing. It's conducted on cervical samples to detect the methylation status of DNA, interpreted using an M Score.

- **Q: Who should get the epiCervix test?**

A: The epiCervix test is recommended for women as part of regular cervical cancer screening guidelines. Your healthcare provider can offer more personalized advice based on your health history and risk factors.

### **Before the Test**

- **Q: Is the epiCervix test painful?**

A: The test involves a routine sample collection similar to a Pap smear, which may cause slight discomfort but is generally not painful. The test could be performed on your routine Pap smear sample with no additional sampling.

- **Q: How is the sample for the epiCervix test collected**

A: A sample is collected from the cervix using a spatula, brush, or broom method and then placed in a ThinPrep® Pap Test PreservCyt® solution.

### **After the Test**

- **Q: How long will it take to get my results?**

Answer: After submission, estimated turnaround times for test results will be provided. Generally, results are available within two weeks, but your healthcare provider will confirm the specific timeframe.

- **Q: What should I do if my test results are positive?**

A: Your healthcare provider will guide you through the next steps, which may include further testing or treatment options.

- **Q: How can I understand my test results?**

A: Test results will be interpreted using an M Score and communicated to you by your healthcare provider, who can explain what the results mean for your cervical health and any next steps if necessary.

- **Q: What happens if my sample is rejected**

A: If a sample is rejected due to not meeting the minimum requirements or other criteria, the test will be canceled. HKG Epitherapeutics Customer Service will notify the ordering healthcare provider about the rejection and provide instructions for resubmission if necessary.

### **Test Coverage and Availability**

- **Q: Is the epiCervix test covered by insurance?**

A: Coverage for the epiCervix test can vary by insurance provider and plan. It's recommended to check with your insurance company or healthcare provider for specific coverage details.

- **Q: Where can I get the epiCervix test?**

- A: The epiCervix test is available through healthcare providers who submit a part of your routine Pap smear to HKG Epitherapeutics for testing. Any licensed healthcare could submit your sample for testing. Discuss with your health provider to see if the epiCervix test is an option for you.

### **Additional Consideration**

- **Q: Can the epiCervix test replace my regular Pap smear?**  
A: The epiCervix test is a complement to regular cervical cancer screening methods. Your healthcare provider can best advise on the appropriate screening regimen for you.

### **Next Steps**

If you're interested in the epiCervix test, talk to your healthcare provider about whether it's right for you and how you can include it in your regular cervical health screening routine.



### **Contact Information**

For more information about the epiCervix test, please contact our customer support team at:

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**We're here to support your journey towards better cervical health.**