

Ontario Cervical Screening Program

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Screen for Life
Cancer screening sees what you can't

-  Breast
-  Cervical
-  Colorectal

Your Pap Test Result

Dear JANE SAMPLE:

My name is Linda Rabeneck and I'm a doctor with Cancer Care Ontario. I help to run Ontario's cancer screening programs and I want to thank you for taking the time to get a Pap test done. I am writing to let you know that your recent Pap test result is **normal**. Your healthcare provider should have the full report from the lab.

A normal result means that no cell changes were found on your cervix.

This is good news. However, it is important to continue to get Pap tests in the future because cell changes on the cervix can develop over time. Pap tests can help prevent cervical cancer or catch it earlier when it is easier to treat, and most women should have a Pap test once every three years until the age of 70. Talk to your healthcare provider about when you should have your next Pap test.

You will also find a handout in this mailing with more information about cervical cancer screening. Please keep in mind that no test is perfect and see your healthcare provider if you have unusual bleeding or discharge from your vagina.

Having a Pap test is an important part of staying healthy. Cervical cancer can most often be prevented with regular screening and by having follow-up testing, if necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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