

You are welcome in for a Pap smear

A Pap smear is taken to prevent cervical cancer. Most cervical cell abnormalities are not dangerous and do not require treatment but some may, however, turn into cancer. Having regular Pap smears taken and treating abnormalities which might otherwise entail a health risk provides good protection against cervical cancer.

Cervical cell abnormalities do not yield any symptoms and can only be detected with a Pap smear.

It is thus important that you accept this offer. You will be offered a Pap smear every three years between ages 23 and 50 and every five years between ages 50 and 60.

A Pap smear is taken in a pelvic exam table by a midwife. It does not take much time and is not painful.

The smear cannot be taken if you have your period or other bleeding. Sexual intercourse and vaginal suppositories, creams and douches should be avoided from the day before until the Pap smear is taken. If you have never had sexual intercourse, testing is not necessary.

The results are always sent to you by mail, usually within four to six weeks. If you have cell abnormalities that require treatment or further testing, you will be given an appointment with a gynecologist.

You will find the place and time of your Pap smear appointment to the left of your name.

The test costs 100 SEK.

Bring the Swedish referral (remiss) with you when you come for your appointment.

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To ensure a high level of patient safety, including the opportunity for reassessment and quality follow-up, all Pap smears are archived at the cytology lab and information pertaining to the smears is compiled in a quality register. All personal information is confidential. If you object to the archiving of your sample, please inform the health care professional who performs the Pap smear.