

# Volunteers needed

## What will I have to do?

You will receive three doses of a vaccine over a 6-month period.

You will be given either:

- the cervical cancer prevention vaccine

OR

- a 'control' vaccine that does not contain any active medicine.

## Regular medical and gynaecological check-ups.

During the 3 years of the clinical research study you will have regular blood tests, gynaecological examinations and Pap smears. These tests will check how well the vaccine is working and will also show if:

- you have contracted an HPV infection
- you are at risk of developing cervical cancer.

There will be no charge for study related procedures.

## Regular visits to your local clinical research study centre

During the course of the cervical cancer prevention study, you will be asked to make approximately 9 visits to your local clinical research study centre – to receive the vaccinations and tests mentioned above.

## How can I join?

Volunteers are needed now!

For further information call 1800:

# Join the fight against cervical cancer



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# Cervical cancer – the facts

## What causes cervical cancer?

- Cervical cancer is caused by infection with a virus called human papillomavirus, or HPV, which is transmitted during sexual contact (intercourse or via skin to skin contact).
- Infection with HPV is very common. EVERYONE who becomes sexually active is at risk of infection.
- While most cases will not lead to cervical cancer, 3 out of every 4 sexually active women get an HPV infection at some point in their lives.
- Young women are more likely to be infected with HPV, with the risk of cervical cancer increasing with age.

## How common is cervical cancer?

- Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second most common cause of death from cancer in women.
- Globally, each year, approximately 510,000 women are found to have cervical cancer and as many as 288,000 die from it (World Health Organisation 2004).

## How is cervical cancer detected?

- In many countries, women receive regular Pap smear screening, which helps to catch cervical cancer at a very early stage.
- In countries that don't offer such screening programmes, women are at greater risk.

# New vaccine clinical research study

## Why should I join the cervical cancer prevention study?

The cervical cancer prevention study – for which volunteers are urgently needed – is a large-scale, clinical research study of a new cervical cancer vaccine.

By joining the cervical cancer prevention study, you could be helping millions of women in the future reduce their risk of developing cervical cancer – if the vaccine proves to be as effective as indicated in early studies, it should protect you against the HPV infections known to cause up to 70% of cervical cancers.

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## Can I join the cervical cancer prevention study?

You can volunteer for the cervical cancer prevention study if you are:

- a woman aged 26 and above
- in good health
- not pregnant and not intending to become pregnant in the next 8 months.

Joining the cervical cancer prevention study is simple – after meeting your local clinical research study team, you will then be given a free medical check-up and asked some questions about your medical history, such as whether you have any medical conditions or are taking any medications.

Being part of a study is your choice and you are free to withdraw at any time. All information collected will be kept confidential and in a secure place.