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THE NATIONAL CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAMME

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CervicalCheck – The National Cervical Screening Programme is a Government-funded service that provides free smear tests to women aged 25 to 60. CervicalCheck aims to reduce the number of cervical cancer cases in Ireland. Pregnancy does not change your screening needs.

Smear tests during pregnancy

If your last smear test result was normal and your next smear test is due while you are pregnant, you can delay the smear test until three months after giving birth.

If your last smear test result was not normal and you are pregnant when your next smear test is due, you can have a smear test during pregnancy. A smear test can be done safely during pregnancy and is usually taken in the second trimester (weeks 13-26). If you have any concerns, talk to your family doctor (GP) or nurse.

Colposcopy during pregnancy

If you have been referred to colposcopy, you should keep your appointment. The staff at the colposcopy unit can help with any questions you have. If you have concerns before going to colposcopy, you can talk to your family doctor (GP) or nurse.

Smear tests after pregnancy

If you are due to have your smear test, you should wait for at least three months after having your baby. You do not need a smear test simply because you have had a baby.

Smear tests for women who are breastfeeding

If you are breastfeeding and are due your routine smear test, wait for at least three months after having your baby before going for your smear test.