



If you are concerned about your health regarding HPV and HPV-related cancers, it is important to see a doctor as soon as possible. When arriving at an appointment you should bring a list of any symptoms or changes that have occurred, a list of all medications you are currently taking or have recently taken, a list of any allergies and known medical conditions, and written questions. Some people find it helpful to bring a loved one to serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for what is discussed during the appointment.

Below you will find lists of questions related to HPV to consider asking your doctor. Depending on your health status and the nature of the appointment, some questions may be more applicable than others. Please use these questions to help guide the conversation during your appointment and bring any and all other questions and concerns that are specific to you and your health. Taking notes when you are speaking with your provider will help you remember key information.

Questions for Screening

Is there an HPV test for me?

What is the difference between an HPV test and pap test?

My doctor said my pap test was inconclusive, equivocal, or ASC-US what does that mean?

What should I do next?

I had an abnormal pap test, what does that mean?

What should I do next?

My HPV test came back positive, what does that mean?

What should I do next?

Will I need other tests based on my pap test and HPV test results?

Are there side effects for any of the tests or procedures I may receive?

Can I be tested for HPV-related cancer?

Should I be tested for HPV-related cancer?

How often should I be tested for HPV-related cancers?

How can I protect my partner(s)?

Questions if You're Diagnosed with Precancer

I have precancer, what does that mean?



Does a precancer diagnosis mean I will get cancer?

What are the next steps after a precancer diagnosis?

What procedures will I receive, if any, after a precancer diagnosis?

What should I expect from these procedures?

When and how will I know if the procedures were effective?

What are the side effects of these procedures?

How should I monitor this diagnosis?

What tests can be done to determine if I have cancer?

How often should I return for check-ups?