Risk Factors for Cervical Cancer

- HPV infection is the single most important risk factor!
- Smoking increases your risk of cancers, cervical cancer is no exception
- Having HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) or another condition that makes it hard for your body to fight off health problems
- Using birth control pills for a long time (five or more years)
- Having given birth to three or more children
- Having several sexual partners

Talk to your healthcare provider about your specific risk factors and what you can do to decrease your risk of developing cervical cancer.