

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for Project WISH?

Women who:

- Are 40 years of age and older (breast cancer screening) or 18 years and older (cervical cancer screening)
 - Live in the District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia
 - Have little or no insurance
 - Have limited income or financial resources
 - Have not ever had a Pap test or have not had a Pap test in the past 5 years
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I am eligible for Project WISH. What is the next step?

Please contact Project WISH to become enrolled. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:15 am to 4:45 pm.

How do I contact Project WISH?

Call (202) 442-5900; Para Espanol (202) 442-9128

What is a mammogram?

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. For more detailed information, visit the National Cancer Institute website.

When should I get a mammogram?

Women ages 40 and older should have a screening mammogram and clinical breast exam every year. According to the American Cancer Society, women ages 20 to 39 should have a clinical breast exam every 3 years.

What is a Pap test?

A Pap test helps the doctor or nurse screen for cervical cancer. For more detailed information, visit the National Cancer Institute website.

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Who should get a Pap test?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- All women who are or have been sexually active, or who have reached age 18, should get a Pap test.
 - Women who have passed menopause should still continue to obtain a Pap test.
 - After a woman has had three or more consecutive, satisfactory, normal annual exams, the Pap test may be performed less frequently at the discretion of a clinician.
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What is ovarian cancer?

Visit [the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance web site](#) for information.

What if I live in Maryland or Virginia?

Contact your state Health Department for breast and cervical cancer-related information.

Maryland Breast and Cervical Cancer
Early Detection Program
(301) 883-3525

Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer
Early Detection Program
(703) 938-5550