A virus, human papilloma virus (HPV), can cause one of the STDs called Genital warts, have been linked to changes in cervical cells and may lead to cancer. How much do you know about cervical cancer?

What is cervical cancer?

Who are most vulnerable to cervical cancer?

What are the symptoms of having cervical cancer?

How cervical cancer be diagnosed?

Having sexual activities too early

Have multiple sexual partners

Smokers

A smear test can find out if there are any abnormal changes in cervical cells. Early detection and treatment can help to prevent cancer from developing. Women who are sexually active should get this simple test periodically!

According to the statistics in 2005, cervical cancer is the 9th leading cause of death among women in Hong Kong. Most of the HPV-caused diseases will be cured, but some will develop into cervical cancer after years.

Early stage: symptoms are not recognizable.

Later stage: vaginal bleeding during or after sex, and increase of vaginal discharge with foul smell.

To find out more information, please go to the website of Department of Health at http://www.cervicalscreening.gov.hk. You will find out how women can lower the risk of being infected by HPV and what Cervical Cancer Vaccine is.