



Cancer Screening Key Messages

Importance of cancer screening

- Regular screening is important because it can help prevent people from getting some cancers or find cancer early when treatment has a better chance of working.
- Cancer screening is testing done on people who are at risk of getting cancer, but who have no symptoms and generally feel fine
- Ontario has four cancer screening programs: the Ontario Breast Screening Program, Ontario Cervical Screening Program, ColonCancerCheck, and the Ontario Lung Screening Program
- It is important that people who are due or overdue for cancer screening talk to their health care provider
- Health care providers and hospitals in Ontario follow strict infection control measures so that patients can visit in person
- If you are due or overdue for breast, cervical or colon cancer screening tests, please contact your family doctor, nurse practitioner or Ontario Breast Screening Program site for more information
- For more information on screening, visit www.cancercareontario.ca/en/get-checked-cancer

Ontario Cervical Screening Program

- Cervical cancer is almost always preventable
- Regular screening is important for preventing cervical cancer
- Anyone with a cervix who is or who has ever been sexually active can get cervical cancer. A cervical screening test checks for the signs of cancer before it starts
- Talk to your family doctor, nurse practitioner or midwife about getting checked with a cervical screening test to help prevent cervical cancer
- For more information on cervical screening, visit www.cancercareontario.ca/cervical

Ontario Breast Screening Program

- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Ontario women. One in nine women will get breast cancer in her lifetime.
- Regular screening is important because it can find breast cancer early when treatment has a better chance of working.
- More people in Ontario survive breast cancer than almost every other cancer.
- The Ontario Breast Screening Program provides breast screening throughout Ontario to eligible people.
- No screening test is perfect. If you are 50 or over, talk with your family doctor or nurse practitioner about your breast health and screening test options.
- For more information on breast screening, visit www.cancercareontario.ca/breast