

CHEROKEE WOMEN'S WELLNESS CENTER

Cervical Cancer: Your Best Protection is Early Detection

An estimated 399 women in North Carolina are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year, and 124 die from the disease.

If it is detected early, cervical cancer is one of the most treatable cancers. A Pap test offers the best opportunity to detect cervical cancer at an early stage, when successful treatment is likely. A Pap test is a quick and simple, generally painless test that identifies abnormal cell changes in and around the cervix that can develop into cancer. Regular Pap tests can detect these changes before they have a chance to turn into cervical cancer.

Despite the success of Pap tests in detecting and preventing cervical cancer, not all women get Pap tests regularly. Women's Wellness encourages women to schedule a Pap test to check for cervical cancer. Women's Wellness offers free or low-cost cervical cancer screenings and follow-up services to eligible women ages 18-64.

Cancer is treatable and curable. Your best protection is early detection. To schedule an appointment for your Pap test, call the Cherokee Women's Wellness Center at 828-554-6240.