## WHAT IS CERVICAL CANCER?

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Cancer is always named after the part of the body it affects, so cervical cancer is cancerous cell growth in the cervix.

SYMPTOMS







Vaginal

Pain during bleeding sexual intercourse

## Cervical cancer;

- Occurs only in women
- Can affect any woman
- Occurs more often in women over 40 yrs
- Is 100% treatable when it is found early
- Is highly co-related with infection of HPV
- Has a new vaccine that protects against HPV infections and therefore reduces the likelihood of the development of cervical cancer

Every year 4,000

Tanzanian women

DIE

from cervical cancer

## **RISK FACTORS**





Multiple sexual partners

Smoking





Oral contraceptives

Sexually transmitted disease



Please note these images of the cervix are real, from real patients. They are not meant to offend but are intended to increase understanding

A normal healthy cervix



This image of a severely cancerous cervix shows just how modified the tissue becomes. At this stage the patient may or may not survive It is important to get screened regularly to avoid any cancer advancing to this stage

Advanced cervical cancer





The cervix is the valvular entrance to the womb, it sits between the vagina and the uterus. Only women have a cervix, therefore only women can contract cervical cancer

## WHAT IS CECAP?

CErvical CAncer Prevention Program, is a global initiative begun by a combination of NGO's and adopted by many governments, including that of Tanzania.

SANITAS has adopted similar policies and procedures to that of this program to give our patients the same benefits. We seek to educate all of our female patients on the simple nature of the screening and the treatment, and the wisdom of regular screening.