

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Cervical Cancer: Who's at Risk?

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	WORLD WIDE, IT'S A LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN WOMEN.
Andrew Good, M.D. Track 2 (2:20)	"WE KNOW THAT MOST CERVICAL CANCERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUMAN PAPPILLOMA VIRUS, THE HPV VIRUS, AND ANYBODY THAT'S BEEN SEXUALLY ACTIVE COULD HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THAT."
	THE GOOD NEWS, ACCORDING TO MAYO CLINIC DR. ANDREW GOOD, IS THAT IN MOST CASES, THE BODY FIGHTS OFF THE HPV INFECTION BEFORE IT BECOMES A

	<p>PROBLEM. BUT NOT ALL. AND SOME THINGS—LIKE DRUGS OR DISEASE THAT SUPPRESS YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM—CAN HURT YOUR CHANCES OF FIGHTING OFF THE INFECTION.</p>
<p>Dr. Good Track 2 (3:30)</p>	<p>“IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SMOKING IS ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO IF YOU GET AN HPV INFECTION BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO BLOCK YOUR OWN IMMUNE SYSTEM FROM GETTING RID OF IT.”</p>
	<p>BECAUSE CERVICAL CANCER IS SO SLOW GROWING AND CURABLE WHEN CAUGHT EARLY, DR. GOOD SAYS WE COULD VIRTUALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CASES TO ZERO IF EVERY WOMAN GOT A PAP SMEAR EVERY THREE YEARS.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
