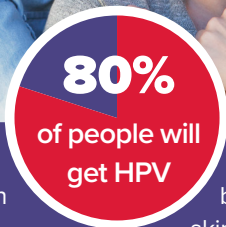


HPV INFORMATION:

FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH WOMEN

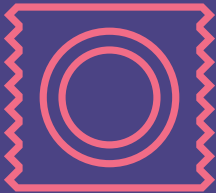


HPV is a very common virus. Often it has no symptoms and will be cleared by the immune system without causing any problems. However, high risk types of HPV can, in rare cases, lead to certain cancers – including cervical, mouth and throat, vaginal and vulval cancers.

HPV can be spread by any skin-to-skin sexual contact, including:

- genital-to-genital sex
- oral sex
- mutual masturbation
- sharing sex toys

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Using dams for oral sex and condoms with sex toys helps to reduce your risk, but doesn't offer full protection from HPV. There is also a vaccine that protects against some types of HPV, which you can have free on the NHS up until your 25th birthday.

MYTH BUSTERS

Myth: Lesbian women cannot get HPV.

Fact: Lesbian and bisexual women can get HPV from skin-to-skin contact, either through oral sex, mutual masturbation, genital-to-genital sex or by sharing sex toys. It is rare for HPV infection to cause cancer, but it's still important to know which symptoms to look out for, and get anything unusual checked.

Myth: Cervical screening is only for women who have sex with men.

Fact: Cervical screening is for anyone with a cervix, regardless of their gender or sexual orientation. This includes lesbians and bisexual women.



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