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Catawba County Public Health Encourages Cervical Cancer Screening

If detected early, cervical cancer is one of the most treatable forms of cancer. Catawba County Public Health offers women several ways to help detect and prevent cervical cancer, which claims the lives of more than 100 women each year in North Carolina. Those most at risk of death from cervical cancer are women over age 45, especially African American women and Hispanic women.

“It is important for all women to be screened for cervical cancer,” explained Sarah Lawson, Clinical Health Services Nursing Supervisor at Catawba County Public Health. “Our goal is to connect women to appropriate resources so they can receive screening and reduce their risk of cervical cancer.”

Those resources include routine Pap tests, which provide the best opportunity for women to detect cervical cancer at an early stage when successful treatment is likely. Cervical screenings and follow-up referrals are available through Catawba County Public Health’s Women’s Preventive Health service for eligible women of childbearing years.

Public Health also offers the HPV vaccine Gardasil, which can prevent women and men from getting the virus that can cause cervical cancer. It is available at no charge to women and men between the ages of 11 and 19 who are uninsured, underinsured or have Medicaid. Those who have insurance or are between the ages of 19 and 26 can purchase the Gardasil vaccine at Catawba County Public Health. To learn if you are eligible to receive state-supplied Gardasil, call 828-695-4445.

In addition, Catawba County Public Health participates in the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP). This program offers breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up care to eligible women in North Carolina. For more information about NC BCCCP, call 1-800-662-7030 or 919-707-5300.



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