

Chapter 12: Access to Cervical Cancer Screening

Increasing Access to Cervical Cancer Screening Services: The Cervical Cancer Screening Test Clinic

In an effort to increase access to screening, and reach Manitoba's underscreened and unscreened populations, CervixCheck partners with clinics, nursing stations and health centers around the province to offer enhanced cervical cancer screening services throughout the year.

CervixCheck supports HCPs to offer walk-in or by appointment cervical cancer screening clinics in their communities on a daily, weekly, monthly, bi-monthly or annual schedule. Offering regular clinics helps to:

- break down barriers to service, making it easier for women to access preventative health care.
- create a regular access point to screening services in a community.
- connect clients who receive recall or invitation letters from CervixCheck with a clinic in their community should they not already have access to a cervical cancer screening provider.

Sites are encouraged to register their cervical cancer screening test clinics with CervixCheck so that the program can advertise clinic services upon request. Register your clinic at [Cervical Cancer Screening Clinic Registration \(cancercare.mb.ca\)](https://www.cancercare.mb.ca/screening/clinic-registration)

To view Cervical Cancer Screening Test Clinics in Manitoba visit <https://www.cancercare.mb.ca/screening/cervix>

This chapter identifies CervixCheck resources that are available to HCPs, as well as outlines clinic responsibilities and considerations when initiating a cervical cancer screening test clinic in your community.

For more information on how to initiate a cervical cancer screening test clinic, contact a Health Educator at CervixCheck at Screening@cancercare.mb.ca.

CervixCheck Resources and Support

CervixCheck will support your efforts to operate cervical cancer screening test clinics in your community. We can:

- supply posters and flyers,
- advertise your clinic on our Facebook page,
- post your clinic on our website, and
- provide educational resources for your patients and staff.

Clinic Responsibility

Cervical cancer screening test clinics are a collaborative effort. Your facility should consider:

- advertising the clinic in your community by:
 - distributing posters and flyers,
 - contacting local media (e.g. radio)
- the organization of internal staffing and supplies,
- accepting clients for cervical cancer screening, even if they are not a patient at the clinic,
- referring clients who are looking for a new family doctor/nurse to an appropriate resource, for example the [Family Doctor Connection Line](#), or another clinic that may be accepting new patients, and
- coordinating follow-up on all abnormal results as per the [CervixCheck Screening Guidelines](#).

Preparing for a Cervical Cancer Screening Test Clinic

The following is a list of considerations to plan your cervical cancer screening test clinic.

Pre-Planning:

- Consider your target audience. Who are you trying to reach?
- Consider your target audience's barriers to accessing cervical cancer screening.
- Establish a planning committee. Who are the relevant stakeholders (HCPs, community outreach workers, etc.)?
- Identify the task(s) of each committee member (advertising, cervical cancer screening, scheduling, completing lab requisitions, follow-up of abnormal results, etc.).
- Identify how your Pap test clinic will be evaluated.

Planning

- Determine when cervical cancer screening will be offered.
- Identify which items will be included in the examination:
 - Pap test
 - STI check
 - Pelvic exam
- Determine the length of time each appointment requires.
- Identify a staff member to register and serve as the contact person with CervixCheck. Register your clinic with CervixCheck.
- Order the necessary materials (speculums, drapes, brooms, liquid mediums).
- Identify who will re-stock exam rooms with needed materials.
- Plan advertising of access (posters, radio, tv, etc.).
- Determine how to set-up the waiting area to:
 - provide information about cervical cancer screening (brochures, posters, videos, etc.). Resources can be ordered at no charge from cancercares.mb.ca/screening/resources, and
 - create a safe, inviting environment.

Notify CervixCheck of any changes to your cervical cancer screening test clinic access by:

- 1- Re-registering your cervical cancer screening test clinic, or
- 2- Emailing Screening@cancercares.mb.ca