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DEAR MS. LASTNAME:

***Join the thousands of Alberta women taking charge of their health
by having Pap tests regularly.***

Welcome! As a woman in Alberta, you have been included in the Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP). The program works with your healthcare provider to keep you informed of your Pap test results and remind you of overdue tests.

Do I need a Pap test?

About three years after becoming sexually active, every woman needs to start having Pap tests regularly. You should continue having Pap tests even if you are no longer sexually active and even if you have had the HPV vaccine. If you have had a hysterectomy, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you still need Pap tests.

Why are regular Pap tests important?

Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable of all cancers. Pap tests find changes in the cells of the cervix. Cell changes found early can be treated so that cancer does not develop.

Screening for Life.

Up to 90% of cervical cancer can be prevented if women have regular Pap tests throughout their lives and ensure proper follow-up of any abnormal results.

Protect yourself with regular Pap tests!

Book your Pap test directly with your regular healthcare provider. If you need help finding a family doctor or women's clinic in your area, please see the information provided on the back of this letter.

To learn more about the ACCSP and how we protect your privacy, **please see the reverse**. To find more information about cervical cancer screening, we encourage you to read the enclosed brochure and visit our website at screeningforlife.ca

Women who get screened regularly are less likely to develop cervical cancer. We look forward to supporting you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Huiming Yang
Medical Director, Screening
Alberta Health Services

To update your name or address, call Alberta Health and Wellness at
310-0000 (toll free) then dial 780-427-1432

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About the Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program

The Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP) is coordinated by Alberta Health Services. It works with your healthcare provider and the lab to send you letters related to cervical cancer screening.

How does the program work?

- You continue to get Pap tests from your healthcare provider.
- The lab sends your test results to your healthcare provider as usual. The lab also sends your results to the ACCSP.
- The ACCSP will send you a letter telling you the test results.
- You and your healthcare provider get reminders if you need further tests.

Have organized programs like the ACCSP been proven to work?

- Research shows that in communities with organized cancer screening programs:
 - o more women get screened for cervical cancer
 - o more women in hard to reach groups get screened
 - o more women with abnormal Pap tests get follow-up tests and treatments
 - o fewer women develop cervical cancer and fewer women die from it

How can I participate in the program?

- To participate, simply continue to have regular Pap tests and necessary follow-up as your healthcare provider advises.
- To find a physician, or to access a women's clinic in your area:
 - o call Health Link Alberta at 1-866-408-LINK (5465)
 - o visit www.informalberta.ca
 - o call ACCSP at 1-866-727-3926

How did you get my name and address?

- Alberta Health and Wellness, under the Health Information Act, provides ACCSP with the names and addresses of women in Alberta so that we can send you letters related to cervical cancer screening.

How is my privacy protected?

- ACCSP is secure, private and confidential. ACCSP staff are bound by the Health Information Act and will ONLY have access to your Pap test results and any related cervical follow-up test results. No other health information is obtained.
- ACCSP will automatically send correspondence to all eligible women. If you are not sure you want to receive results and reminder letters, please call 1-866-727-3926 or talk to your healthcare provider about the benefits of being part of the ACCSP. Should you choose to opt out of the program, it will not impact your access to cervical cancer screening services.

Be sure to get a Pap test regularly!

For more information about breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening:

- Visit our website at screeningforlife.ca
- Call us at 1-866-727-3926

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