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DEAR FIRSTNAME LASTNAME:

Important Health Notice - Request to Participate in Cervical Cancer Screening

I am writing on behalf of the Alberta Cervical Cancer Screening Program (ACCSP) to ask you to participate in cervical cancer screening. Screening for cervical cancer with a Pap test can prevent up to 90% of cervical cancers.

Who should have a Pap test?

In Alberta, all women between 25 and 69 years of age who have been sexually active can have cervical cancer screening with a Pap test, free of cost. You should have a Pap test every three years, even if you have had the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

Why are Pap tests important?

Regular Pap tests save lives by finding changes to cells of the cervix. When these changes are found early and successfully treated, they won't become cancer. You can find more information about cervical cancer screening in the brochure included or go to screeningforlife.ca.

Where can I have a Pap test?

Book your Pap test appointment with your regular healthcare provider. The test is done in a healthcare provider's office or clinic.

If you need help finding a family doctor or a clinic in your area, please see the back of this letter or visit <http://screeningforlife.ca/book-a-screening/>.

Where can I learn more?

To learn more about how the ACCSP protects your privacy, please see the back of this letter or call us at **1-866-727-3926**. The ACCSP will send you the results of your Pap test and let you know when you are overdue for your next Pap test.

Screening for Life - have a Pap test every 3 years!

Sincerely,



Dr. Huiming Yang
Medical Director, Screening Programs
Alberta Health Services

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

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 8-1-1
 - 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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